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Princeton Theological Seminary
Society of Inquiry Committee on
Bible and Tract Societies and
Religious Education.

Constitution
Of the Committee on Bibles, Tracts, & Religious Education.

Article I.

Name. This Committee shall be called the Committee on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education.

Article II.

Duty of Committee. It shall be the duty of this Committee to attend to all the business assigned it by the Constitution of the Society of Inquiry.

Article III.

Officers. The officers of this ~~Society~~ Committee shall be a Chairman and Secretary.

Article IV.

Duty of Chairman. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all the meetings of the Committee, to receive the excuses of absentees, & to decide on all points of order.

Article V.

Duty of Sec. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record all the proceedings of the Committee; to give due notice

of all its regular meetings; to notify members elect, and to perform such other duties as the Committee may from time to time impose.

Article VI.

Provides In the absence of the Chairman or Secretary a substitute shall be appointed pro. tem.

Article VII.

The whole Committee shall be divided into three Sub Committees, each of which shall at every regular meeting, make a report not exceeding Eight Minutes in length on the respective subjects assigned by the Society of Inquiry.

Article VIII.

Members. Any Theological Student may be received into this Committee by a vote of the majority of its members present.

Article IX.

No addition or alteration of this Constitution shall be made but by a vote of two thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, nor unless the proposed amendment shall have been laid before the Committee at least four weeks.

Article X.

Election of officers. The officers of this Committee shall be elected at the last regular meeting of each term.

Article XI.

All elections shall be by ballot.

By Laws.

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Amended (See Minutes Oct. 31st 1853.) The regular meetings of this Committee shall be held immediately after prayer meeting on the last Wednesday of each month during the terms of session in this Seminary.

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Each meeting shall be opened & closed with prayer.

3.

Any special meeting may be called at the request of three members.

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For the purpose of convenient & systematic reporting, the ~~world shall be divided~~ field for the report in Sept. shall be Germany, Prussia, Norway, Sweden, Russia and Siberia.

Oct. Annual Report.

Nov. North America.
Dec. S. America & Islands of the Pacific.
Jan. Great Britain, and Ireland.
Feb. France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Austria Greece & Turkey.
March. Africa, Arabia, Syria, Persia & Tartary.
April. Annual Essay.
May. Hindostan, Burman & Chinese Empires, and Asiatic Isles.

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At each regular meeting the members of the sub-committee shall report in Alphabetical order on the subjects of their respective departments in the Country assigned at the previous meeting; except that at the first meeting of each term the reports shall be general.

6.

The reading of the reports shall be followed by a short discussion upon them.

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It shall be the duty of each member of the committee to preserve for the use of the reporters all appropriate facts which may come under his observation.

8

Eight minute reports for the Society of Inquiry shall be selected from those read before the committee

at the meeting immediately preceding the meeting of the Society of Inquiry at which the report is to be presented.

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All monthly reports shall be preserved by the Secretary for the use of the annual reporter.

10.

All absentees at each regular meeting shall be required to render their excuses to the Chairman, and if any Member does not report himself to the Chairman within two months, except in case of sickness or absence from town, he shall be regarded as withdrawn from the Committee.

11.

A motion for an adjournment shall always be in order.

Mason Library Sept 25th 1844.

The Committee on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education Convened, and was called to order by the Chairman at ¼ before 8. o'clk. The meeting was opened with prayer by brother McCulloh. The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read & accepted. Brothers Miller, Anderson and David were proposed & elected members of this Committee. The Committee appointed to purchase a new Secretary's book reported that one had been purchased, and the Constitution & by-laws had been transcribed by the Secretary into this book. The Constitution as revised & transcribed was read by the Secretary. The proceedings of the Committee were approved, & the Secretary was authorized to collect the expense of the new book & pay it over to brother Stebbins who had paid for it from his own funds. Brother Newell read a report on Bibles which was accepted, and appointed to be read before the Soc. of Inq. at its next meeting. Brother Seely read a ~~read~~ report on Tracts which was accepted & appointed to be read as the annual report, together with brother Newell's, at the Oct. meeting of the Society of Inquiry. Brother Riley's resignation was brought before the Committee by brother Goodman and on motion was laid on the table. Brother Miller offered the following resolution. "Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to consider & report upon the subject of Church Schools; to recommend a plan for inquiry respecting them, & for exerting the influence of

this Committee, & of the Soc. of Ing. for their more general establishment*. The members appointed to report for Nov. were Brother Stebbins on Bibles, Br. Warts on Tracts, Br. Anderson on Religious Education. The Committee then adjourned after moving that the next meeting of the Com. be held on Monday evening hereafter, immediately after the meeting of the Hastings Soc. Prayer by brother Miller.

R. S. Goodman Sec.

* The Chair appointed on this Committee Brothers Miller Newell & Seeley.

Wesleyan Library Oct 27th 1844.

The Committee on Bibles, Tracts, & Religious Education convened at 8, ock & was called to order by the Chairman & opened with prayer by Brother Anderson. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and accepted. The roll was called & Brothers McCoy, Miller & Burts were absent. The resignation of Brother McCoy was presented by Mr Newell, and accepted by the Society. The resignation of Mr Riley was also accepted. The Committee appointed to report on "Sunday Schools" reported that the Chairman was indisposed & could not present this report at present. It was moved that the Society meet at 11 ock on Saturday of the 30th inst to hear the report of the Committee. Brother Stebbins read a report on Bibles which was accepted & appointed to be read before the Society at its next meeting. The reporter on Tracts failed to report; also the reporter on Religious Education. A letter was read by Br. McCulloh (one of the Committee appointed to obtain information for reporters) from Rev Mr Lowrie of New York. The appointments for the next month were read as follows Goodman to read a report on Bibles; Lyon on Tracts & McCulloh on Religious Education. Field South America & Islands of Pacific. Committee then adjourned. Prayer by Br Newell.

R. S. Goodman Sec.

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Hadon Library Nov 1st 1844.

The Committee convened pursuant to adjournment at 11 o'clk A. M. the President in the Chair. The Meeting was opened with prayer by Br Goodman. The object of the meeting was to hear the report of the committee appointed to prepare one on Church Schools. This report was read by Br Miller. The report was accompanied by a recommendation of a plan for inquiry respecting Church Schools which was also accepted by the Committee & appointed to be presented to the Society of Inquiry for action on the same. On motion it was resolved to refer the subject of the report to the Society of Inquiry & if possible obtain permission to publish such portions of the report & the plan of inquiry recommended in the same in the Presbyterian for the purpose of gaining information on the subject. Br Perkins being present was elected a member of this Committee. The Committee then adjourned. Prayer by Br McCulloh.

R B Goodman Sec'y.

Oratory Nov 25th 1844

The Committee on Bibles Tracts & Religious Education Convened at 8 o'clk. & was Called to order by the president. The opening prayer was offered by Br Goodman. The roll was Called & Brs Lyon, Miller, Seely, Watts, & Perkins were absent. Br. Goodman read a report on Bibles which was accepted & appointed to be read before the Society of Enquiry at its next regular meeting. The other reports, viz Br Lyon on Tracts, & Br McCulloh on Religious Education ~~refused~~ failed to report. Br Lyon proposed Br Kellogh who was unanimously elected a member of this Committee. The following members were appointed to read reports at the next meeting of Committee. Br Miller on Bibles. Br Newell on Tracts, Br Seely on Religious Education: Field Great Britain & Ireland. Br. Newell gave notice that he would bring up a resolution to make at the next regular meeting, the following alterations ~~to read~~ in the By Laws of the Committee. That "Art 4 of By Laws be Omitted". Art 5 be changed to the following. "At each regular meeting the members of the Committee shall report in alphabetical order".

The Committee then adjourned. Prayer by Br. Harrison.

R. S. Goodman Sec'y.

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Mason Library Decbr 30th 1844

The Committee on Bibles, Tracts, & Rel. Edu. convened at 8 o'clock P. M. & was called to order by the Chairman. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Lyon. At the calling of the roll, Brothers David, Goodman, Newell, Seeley, Wurts, Harrison, Perkins, Kollock were absent.

Bro. Goodman being absent Bro. McCulloh was appointed Sec. pro tempore.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read & approved. Brothers Miller & Lyon were excused for absence from the last meeting. There were no reports offerred.

Bro. Miller excused, & Bros. Newell, & Seeley absent.

Bro. Miller from the Committee on Church Schools, reported that the subject of printing certain interrogatories prepared by the Com. had been acted on by The Soc. of Inquiry, & was then before the Board of Managers. Committe was continued.

On motion by Bro. Miller The Committee then went into committee of the whole on the subject of the Constitution & By Laws; Bro. Stebbins retaining the chair. When the Committee of the whole rose, the Chairman reported a resolution, that the Constitution & By Laws be abrogated, to be considered at the next stated meeting; & also a

2. resolution to appoint a committee to prepare a draft to present of a new Constitution & By Laws

to be presented at the next meeting. The first of these resolutions was received & laid on the table, & the second was received & passed. The Chair appointed on that committee Bros. Miller, McCulloh, & Anderson.

× The committee then adjourned; closed with prayer by Bro. Anderson.

Saml. McCulloh Sec. pro tem.

× The reporters for the next meeting were then announced Bro. Stebbins on Bibles, Bro. Wurts on Tracts, & Bro. Harrison on Rel. Education: the field France, Spain, Portugal &c.

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Mason Library Miss. 5th Feb. 1845.

The Committee on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education convened at 8. A.M. but the room being cold the Committee adjourned to Brother Neufville's room & was called to Order by Chairman Stebbins. The opening prayer was offered by brother Anderson. The roll was called & found David Leyon, Nutt & Perkins were absent. The absentees from the last meeting were heard & excused, except brethren Seely & Kellogg. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Mr. Stebbins read a report on Bibles. Mr. Harrison read one on Rel. Education. The report on Rel. Ed. was appointed to be read before the Soc of Inquiry at its next meeting. Brother Miller reported that the Committee appointed to prepare a report for publication in the Presbyterian had prepared such report & that it would be forwarded for publication at the earliest date. This report was accepted & the committee discharged. The Committee appointed to prepare a draft of a new Constitution & By Laws ~~appointed~~ reported through their Chairman Mr. Miller that they had ~~drawn up such draft~~ performed the duty assigned them & the draft was read, accepted & the Committee discharged. It was then moved & carried that the old Constitution be abrogated. The New Constitution was then read Article by Article and the whole accepted & adopted. It was voted that the present officers under

the old Constitution continue in their offices under the New. The following persons were appointed to perform exercises prescribed by the Constitution at the next meeting of Committee. Brother Perkins to read a report on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education; Field the World. Brothers Anderson & Goodman were appointed to discuss the following question. "Is the American Tract Society's practice of altering books to accommodate them to the Society's principles justifiable"? Aff. Anderson. Neg. Goodman. The closing prayer was offered by Brother Seely, & Committee adjourned.

R. S. Goodman Sec.

Rules*

of the

Committee on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education.

Preamble. The Constitution and By-Laws of the Society of Inquiry are the fundamental law of this Committee, to which, in common with other Committees, or in particular, relate Articles III, XII, XIII, 3, XIV, and XV of the Constitution; and Articles I, 4, III, 1–9, and VII, 6 of the By-Laws.

Article I. 1. The Committee shall have a Chairman and Secretary, to perform the usual duties of such officers.
2. The Secretary shall advertise on the bulletin each meeting as early at least as the day previous; notify to all new members, officers, essayists, reporters and disputants their respective appointments, within a week after the same are made; and act, when necessary, as Treasurer.
3. These officers, with the Annual Reporters ~~and Essayists~~, shall be elected by ballot at the last regular meeting of each session.

Amended Oct 3, 1855. see minutes

Article II. The Committee shall meet regularly on the ~~1st~~ 3d Thursday evening of each month. ~~next preceding the regular meeting of the~~

*Adopted January 5th 1845. See Minutes.

Society. A meeting may at any time be called by the Chairman. All meetings shall be public, unless, in particular cases, the Committee decide otherwise.

Article III. 1. The Annual Report to the Society shall be made by three reporters, taking respectively the three subjects referred to this Committee. Each Annual Reporter is limited to fifteen minutes; though any one may, by agreement, take a part, but not the whole, of another's time.

2. The monthly reports to the Society shall be made by the members in alphabetical order, each reporter treating of the three subjects aforesaid conjointly.

3. Each annual & monthly report shall be laid before the Committee at its last meeting before the same shall be presented to the Society; and shall be subject, in all respects, to the orders of the Committee.

4. All regular reports and Essays shall be fairly written out, before being presented to the Society, on letter-paper, and having been presented shall remain with the Secretary of this Committee; the Annual Report to be deposited with the Recording Secretary of the Society, and the others to be preserved for the use of the members of this Committee.

Article IV. At each regular meeting shall be chosen for discussion at the next a question relating to one of the subjects aforesaid; and three questions, relating to

said subjects, shall be (Debated) (Reported) by the members, two each time, in alphabetical order; which two members shall open the discussion, at the next meeting, in the affirmative and negative respectively, speaking not longer than ten minutes each. No other member shall speak more than five minutes, and no member more than once. The whole discussion shall be concluded within an hour.

Article V. Any person absent from three successive meetings, or failing to perform, in person or by substitute, any regular duty as reporter, essayist, or disputant, without an excuse accepted by the Committee, shall be stricken from the roll, and shall not be readmitted unless by a unanimous vote.

Article VI. The following shall be the order of proceedings:

1. Prayer.
2. Calling the Roll.
3. Reading the Minutes.
4. Excuses for absences or failures in duty.
5. Election of New Members.
6. Presenting & Considering regular reports.
7. Announcement of Reporters for the next Month.
8. Discussion & Choice of new question.
9. Announcement of Disputants for next two meetings.
10. Election of Officers, &c.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Prayer and Adjournment.

Article VII. Each member elected shall, before he takes his seat, read these rules, and subscribe his name to them.

Article VIII. No change shall be made in these rules, or any addition to the same, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting.

Names of Members.

I. Members belonging to the Committee before the adoption of the foregoing rules.

Malon Library March 3d 1845.

Committee convened & was called to order by the Chairman at ½ past 8. Opening prayer was offered by Brother McCulloh. The roll was called & Brothers Lyon Hurst & Kollock were absent. Minutes of the preceding meeting were read & approved. A report on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education was read by Mr. Perkin. The following question was then discussed, "Is the American Tract Society's practice of altering books to ~~the~~ accommodate the Society's principles justifiable"? Supported in the Affirmative by Mr. Anderson, in the negative by Mr. Goodman. Brs Newell, Miller and McCulloh, and Perkin occupied each five minutes. The following question was then chosen for discussion at the next Meeting of the Committee. "Is a system of Presbyterian Church Schools desirable"? Affirmative Harrison, Negative Kollock. The Committee to choose questions for the month of May are Brothers Lyon & McCulloh. ~~Brothers~~ The Committee then adjourned. Closing prayer by Mr Anderson.

R. S. Goodman Sec.

Br Newell was appointed to read the Annual Essay at the next meeting of the Society of Inquiry. Br Perkin to read the monthly report.

Mason Library March 31st 1843.

The Committee convened at 8 o'clk. The Chairman being absent Br Seeley was called to fill his chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Br Perkins. The roll was called & Brs Miller & Ward were absent. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. The reports of the absents from the last meeting were heard; that of Mr. Kellock was accepted; that of Mr. Lyon was pronounced to remain "in statu quo"! Mr. Newell read the annual Essay prepared to be read before the Soc. of Inq. The Essay was accepted. Br. Seeley read the monthly report which was accepted. Mr. Kellock was appointed to read the next monthly report. On account of the lateness of the hour the Question for discussion was postponed & the same disputants appointed to discuss it at the next meeting. The Committee then adjourned. Prayer by Br Anderson.

R. S. Goodman Sec.

Mason Library April 28th 1845.

Committee met at 9 o'clk. after the address of Mr. Hutchings Missionary from Madras. Called to order by the Chairman the Committee was opened with prayer by Br. Egon. The roll was called & Messrs Anderson, Harrison & Kollock, Miller, were absent. The minutes of the last regular were read & approved. Mr. Watts presented his excuse for absence from the last meeting which was accepted. Mr. Kollock the reporter for the evening was absent & no report was read. Mr. Anderson was appointed to read the report at the next meeting of the Committee. Mr. Goodman was appointed to read the annual report in October. Mr. Watts was appointed to read the annual Essay in January 1846. The question for discussion was postponed till the next meeting of Committee when the same disputants will discuss the same question. Mr. Goodman was Elected Chairman for the ensuing session. Mr. Harrison was elected Secretary. The meeting then adjourned. Prayer by Brother Anderson.

R. S. Goodman Sec.

Mason Library Sept 1st 1845

The committee convened at twenty minutes of 9 Oclk, after the monthly concert. It was called to order by the Chairman and opened with prayer by Br. McCulloh. Roll was called. Brs. Anderson, Seeley and Wurts were absent. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved The Chairman then proposed Br Shiland. The reporter, Br Anderson was absent, and no report was read. Next month being the time for the annual Report, no monthly reporter was appointed The question for discussion was so amended as to read, "Is it expedient to establish a system of Presbyterian Church schools", and the discussion postponed till next months. Disputants Harrison Affirmative Perkins Negative. Brs. Harrison and Perkin were then appointed annual reporters in connexion with Br Goodman who was appointed at the last meeting. Committee of correspondence reported. Adjourned. Prayer by Br Perkin

Geo. J. Harrison Sec'y

Mason Library Sept 29th 1845

The committee assembled at 8 Oclock and was called to order by the chairman. The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Perkin. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following gentlemen were then elected members of the committee Brothers Gulick, Hearon, Huntington, Shiland & Wayne. The annual report was then read. Brother Goodman presenting the report of the department on Bible and Perkin on Religious Education. The report was accepted by the committee and ordered to be read before the Soc. of Inquiry at its next meeting.

The following question was then discussed.

"Is it expedient to establish a system of Presbyterian church schools"

Messrs Harrison and Hearon advocated the affirmative and Messrs Perkin and Goodman the negative.

The following question was choosen for discussion at the next meeting of the committee

"Are Theological Seminaries preferable to other methods of educating the ministry"

Disputants for next meeting are Seely in aff. Shiland neg

Disputants for the meeting two months hence. Brothers Wayne and Hunts. Br. Seely to read the next monthly report. Bro. Seely and Hunts were absent at the calling of the roll

Committee then adjourned. Prayer by Brother Hearon

Geo. J. Harrison Sec'y

Mason Library Nov. 3d 1845

Committee met after monthly concert in the Mason Library and was called to order by the chairman. The meeting was opened with prayer by Br Bulick. The roll was called and Bro Huntington Wayne and Wurts were absent. The minutes of the last meeting were then read and accepted. Excuses were then in order Br Seely was excused for absence at the last meeting. Brothers Hughes, Little and Rankin were elected members of the committee. The monthly report was read by Br Seely, and accepted. The disputants for next month were announced to be Bro Wayne and Wurts.

The following question was then discussed "Are Theological Seminaries preferable to other methods of educating the ministry" Brothers Seely and Hearon & Bulick Huntington advocated the affirmative. Brothers Rankin and Harrison Perkin and Philand in the negative

The following question was then selected for discussion at the next meeting. "Should the state regulate by law the Religious instruction to be given in its public school"

Harrison and Hearon were announced as committee for the selection of question

The committee then adjourned with prayer by Br Hearon

Bro J. Harrison Rec. Sec

Mason Library December 1st 1845

Committee met and was called to order by the Chairman. Opened with prayer by Brother Huntington. The roll was called and Brs. Little Shiland and Wayne were absent. The minutes of the last meeting were then read and accepted. Brother Wurts was then excused for previous absences. No election of new members. The regular ten minutes report was then read by the secretary, and accepted by the committee. Next month being the regular time for the annual essay, no reporter was announced. Br. Wurts is the essayist. The question "Should the state regulate by law the religious instruction to be given its public schools" was then discussed. Brs Hearon and Hughes taking the affirmative, and Wurts, Harrison, & Huntington the negative. Some questions and remarks were offered, which the Secy did not understand as belonging to either side of the question.

The following question was selected for discussion at the next meeting of the committee, "Would a universal establishment of parochial schools be preferable to our present system of state public schools" Debaters Aff. Harrison. Neg Hearon. Committee on questions for next meeting Hughes and Huntington. A vote of thanks for procuring educational documents was then presented to Brs Wurts. and the committee adjourned with prayer. Goodman. Chm

Geo J. Harrison Secy.

Mason Library Feby 2d. 1846

The committee convened immediately after Monthly Concert. It was called to order by the chairman and opened with prayer by Br Hughes

At the calling of the roll, Brs Gulick Seely Wayne & Wurts failed of answering to their names

No meeting of the committee having been held in Jany, the minutes of the Decr meeting were read, and accepted. Br Wayne was excused, for his previous absences; and his resignation of membership in this committee being offered, was accepted. On motion of Brd Rankin, Brs Hansell and Dunn were elected members of the committee. The regular reporter being absent no report was read to the committee.

Br Shiland was announced as the reporter for March. The question, "Would a universal establishment of parochial schools be preferable to our present system of state public schools," was then discussed in the aff. by Harrison, & in the neg by Brs Hearon, Rankin Shiland & Huntington.

The following question was then chosen for discussion at the next meeting. Would it be expedient to have the language & phraseology of the Scriptures modernized The disputants are in the Aff. Hughes, Neg. Huntington Committee on choice of questions, Perkin & Rankin.

Under the head of "Miscellaneous business" Br Shiland was excused for absence at the last meeting. Adjourned with prayer

P. Geo. J. Harrison, Secy

Has the tract Society a right to alter for publication the works of deceased authors?

Should colportage be adopted as a profession for life?

X Is the system of synodical colleges a good one? —

Mason Library March 2d 1846

The committee met immediately after "Monthly Concert"
The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and opened with prayer by Br. Rankin. At the calling of the roll, the following brethren failed of answering to their names, Gulick, Hansell, Huntington, Hughes, Seely, Wurts. There were no excuses for absences presented. The regular report was read by Br Shiland, accepted and ordered to be read before the Soc of Inquiry. Br Hearon was appointed to prepare the report for April.
The question was then discussed. Brs Hearon and Harrison speaking in the affirmative, and Rankin Dunn and Perkin in the negative.
The following question was chosen for discussion at the next meeting. "Are written sermons the best means of preaching the Gospel"?
The debaters are Perkin in the affirmative and Rankin in the negative. The committee on questions were announced to be Brs Seely and Shiland.
Under miscellaneous business an interesting and instructive conversation arose on the general subject of "richness of language, and wherein it consists, which was participated in by several of the brethren
The meeting was then adjourned with prayer

R. S. Goodman Chn
Geo. J. Harrison Secy

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Mason Library March 29. 1841

Committee convened conformably with constitutional requirement. and was called to order by the Chairman. The meeting was opened with prayer by Br Hughes. At the calling of the roll the following members were absent, Dunn Gulick Huntington Wurts. Brs Hansell and Hughes were excused for absence at the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted Br Hearon. the regular reporter failed of presenting a report having been prevented by ill health from preparing one. He was excused by the committee, and requested, if able to prepare a report before the meeting of the Soc. of Ingr. Br Hughes was announced as the reporter for May. The question, Are written sermons the best means of preaching the Gospel, & was then debated by Brs Perkin Harrison and the Chairman in the affirmative and Rankin, Hearon, Shiland, Hughes Hansell in the neg. The following question was selected for discussion at the next meeting of the Committee. Is it for the best interest of the Church that professorships in our colleges should be filled by adorned ministers Disputants Shiland Aff. Dunn Neg. Committee on questions Hansell. Harrison. After closing by prayer the Committee adjourned. R. S. Goodman Chm

Geo. J. Harrison Secy.

Mason Library May 4th 1846

Committee convened immediately after Monthly Concert; was called to order by the Chairman and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were absent Brs Harwell Huntington, Perkins and Burts. Bro Dunn was excused for absence at the last meeting. Br Hughes was excused from reading the report, on account of ill health Br Huntington was announced to be the regular reporter for September. The question "Is it for the best interest of the church that professorships in our colleges should be filled by ordained ministers" was then debated by Brs Rankin Hughes Harrison in the affr. and Dunn & Evans in the negative. The following question was selected for discussion at the next meeting. Should the principle of emulation be appealed to in Religious Education. The debaters are Harwell in the affr. Harrison in the negr. Committee on questions are Brs Evans and Hughes. The following brethren were chosen officers of the committee for the ensuing year. Chairman Harrison. Secretary Philand. Annual reporters Philand Dunn, Rankin Annual Essayist Harrison. It was moved by Br Hughes, and ordered by the committee that a committee of one be appointed to wait on Br Burts and inform him

that he is no longer a member of this committee. Br Hughes was appointed that committee. On motion of Br Rankin a vote of thanks was presented to the gentlemen who have served as Chairman and Secy of this committee during the past year. The committee then adjourned with prayer by Br Hughes

R. S. Goodman Chn
Geo. J. Harrison Secy

Mason Library. August 31. 1846.

The Committee convened and was called to order by the Chairman. Prayer was offered by Bro. Hearon. The Secretary being absent Bro. Dunn was appointed Sec. pro. tem. On calling the Roll. Buthien Hansell. Huntington Rankin & Shiland failed to answer to their names. The Reporter for the Month of September being unprepared to report at this time he was excused on promising to be ready to report before the Soc. of Inquiry on the ensuing Thursday. On account of small number present the Question for discussion was postponed until the next regular meeting. the same debaters being continued Bro. Rankin was appointed to present the next Monthly Report. The Committee then adjourned with prayer by Bro Hughes.

Geo. J. Harrison Chn
Robt P. Dunn. Sec. pro. tem.

Mason Library Sep 28. 1846

The Committee met & was called to order by the chairman. Prayer by Mr Hansell. The Roll being called. Messrs Hughes, Huntington & Rankin were absent. Messrs Shiland & Hansell were excused for absence at the previous meeting.

Mr Dunn read an annual report which was accepted by Committee to be read before the Society of Inquiry. The following new members were received into the Committee. Brown, Beveridge, Breck. Darling, Gibson, Lindy Stirling & Wilson. Moore On account of the small number present, the Question was not discussed & on motion by Mr Hansell it was postponed for the next regular meeting.

Mr Rankin was appointed the next regular Reporter. Question for debate. "Should the principle of emulation be appealed to in Religious Education.

Aff. Hansell. Neg. Hearon.

Committee adjourned with Prayer by Mr Hearon.

Geo. J. Harrison Chm
A Shiland. Sec.

Mass Library Nov. 2. 1846

Committee met and was called to order by the Chairman. Prayer was offered by Mr Gerdiner. In the absence of the Secretary Mr Dunn acted as Secretary. The following gentlemen were absent at the calling of the Roll. Messrs Huntington Rankin, Shiland, Beveridge Breck Gibson Sandy, Stirling, J.R. Ireland, More - The absentees at the last meeting were excused. The Monthly Reporter was unprepared and absent. The regular question was then discussed by Mr Hansell in the affirmative and Messrs Darling and Hughes in the Negative.

Reporter for the next meeting, Mr Shiland.
Question for debate "Ought the interesting of children in the Temperance cause by the formation of Cold - water armies, be encouraged."

Aff Hughes. Neg. Huntington.
Committee on Questions. Sandy, Stirling -

Committee adjourned after Prayer by Mr Hughes.

Geo. J. Harrison, Ch'm
Robt D. Dunn Sec. pro

Mason Library Nov 30/46

The Chairman being absent, Mr Dunn was called to preside. Prayer was offered by Mr Shiland. The following members were absent according to the Roll. Mrs Harrison, Huntington, Rankin, Gardiner, & Hughes. The absentees of the former meeting were then excused. The Monthly Reporter being unprepared was excused. The regular question was then discussed by Mr Hounsel on the Affr & Mr Beveridge on the Neg.

Reporter for next meeting Mr Stirling.

Question for debate— "Can Sabbath School instruction be most successfully inculcated by means of Questions Books."

Affir. Mr Lundy. Neg. Mr Stirling.

Committee on Questions— Shiland, Beveridge.

Committee adjourned after prayer, which was offered up by Mr Darling.

Robt. L. Dunn Ch.m Pro tem

Andrew Shiland

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Mason Library Feb 1st 1847.

Committee convened and was called to order. Mr. Harrison being in the Chair - Prayer was offered by Mr Sterling - The Secretary being absent Mr. Beveridge was elected pro-tem. The roll was called & the following gentlemen were absent Messrs Dunn Huntingdon, Hughes, Gardiner Lundy Rankin & Shiland — The absentees of last meeting were excused with the exceptions Messrs Gardiner, Rankin & Hughes - The Reporter was excused from indisposition.

The Question for Debate was read & opened in the Affr. by Mr Hansel, who was followed on the neg. by Mr Sterling -

Regular Reporter Mr. A Beveridge -

Question for Discussion. "Should Sabbath School Teachers always be Professors of Religion"?

N.B. - Committee on Questions Messrs Darling & Dunn -

Prayer offered by Mr Beveridge

Committee adjourned — to meet on the first Monday of March at the usual time - Geo. J. Harrison Ch.m

A M Beveridge Sec. pro. tem

Affr Mr. Shiland — Neg. Beveridge

Oratory Thurs March 4th 1847.

The committee was called at the regular time but being forestalled in their place of meeting by the Dutch Class, a special meeting was called to meet in the Oratory at 11 O clock Thursday March 4th

Committee opened with prayer by Mr Gardiner.

The roll being called Messrs Huntington Hughes Sandy, Rankin & Stirling were absent.

The minnutes were read & accepted, The Chm made a speech lamenting the present discouraging condition of the committee & exhorted to increased exertion on the part of the members, that the meetings in time to come might be more interesting & profitable. The speech of the Chm was followed by several interesting exhortations from most of the members present. The Question was put over to the regular meeting. Mr Darling Reporter.

Committee adjourned to meet at the usual time & place, prayer having been offered by Mr Hansel.

Geo. P. Harrison Chm

A Shilland Sec.

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Mason Library March 29th 1847

Committee met & was called to order by the Chairman. Prayer was made by Mr Hughes. The roll being called Messers Rankin & Huntington were found to be absent.

Mr Darling read a report which was accepted & adopted after striking out a part relating to Slavery. The Question was opened by Ehiland on the Affir & Beveridge on the Negative.

Question for discussion on the next meeting—
"Ought Clergymen ever to join their pastoral labors that of secular teaching"

Affir. Darling Negs Dunn

Regular Reporter for next month Mr Dunn.

Committee on Questions Messers Gardiner & Handel

Prayer being offered by Mr Beveridge the Committee adjourned

Geo J. Harrison Chm
A. Ehiland Sec.

Mason Library. May 3 '97

The Committee met and was called to order by the Chairman. Prayer was offered by Mr Darling. In the Absence of the regular Secretary Mr Dunn was appointed Sec. pro tem. The following gentlemen were absent at the Calling of the Roll viz. Messrs. Beveridge, Hamell, Hughes, Shilana and Stirling. The regular Report and Discussion were omitted for the purpose of giving place to the annual Election of Offices, for the ensuing year. The Election resulted as follows.

Chairman.	R. P. Dunn
Secretary.	Geo. Darling.
Annual Essayist	Wm L. Hamell
Annual Reporter	A. M. Beveridge Geo. Darling H. B. Gardiner

Reporter for next meeting Wm L. Hamell.

The same question and Disputants, and Committee on Questions were continued to the next Meeting. After passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, for his services during the year, the Committee adjourned with prayer by Mr Gardiner.

Robt. P. Dunn Sec pro tem.

Geo. J. Harrison Chm.

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Mason Library Aug 30. 47

Committee met & was called to order by the chairman. Prayer was offered by Mr Gardener At the calling of the roll Messrs. Hansell Shiland & Sterling were found absent

The monthly reporter failed to report at the present, but signified his intention to prepare a report before Thursday next.

The regular question was discussed, discussion being opened by Mr Dunnon the aff. & Darling on the negative. & afterwards engaged in by each member of the committee.

Mr Conover & Mr Wright were elected members of the committee

Question for discussion at the next meeting

Is the parochial school system as proposed by the Prot. Ch. susceptible of being put into practice?

Aff. Gardener — — Negative Hansell.

Committee on question. Wright & Beveridge.

Prayer was offered by Mr Wright after which the committe adjourned

Geo. Darling Sec.

Wm P. Dunn Ch.

Sept. 2nd 1847

Committee met in Mr Dunn's room & being called to order by the Chairman prayer

was offered by Mr Beveridge. The monthly report was then read by Mr Beveridge & by the committee adopted. – Committee then adjourned after prayer by Br Hansell.

Robt. P. Dunn Ch. Geo. Darling Secy

Mason Library Oct 4th /47

Committee met & being called to order by the Chairman prayer was offered by Br. Wight

At the calling of the roll Br Beveridge was found absent. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. The following members of the Seminary were proposed & elected members of the committee, viz. Booth. Coe. T. K. Davis. Graham. David King. Fletcher

The annual report on Tracts was presented by Darling & that on Religious Education by Br. Gardener. Both were accepted & adopted. The reporter on Bibles failed to report.

Debate on the question for discussion was postponed till next meeting. Assignment the same as before. Committee ajourned after prayer by Br Booth

Robt. P. Dunn Ch. Geo. Darling Secy.

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Mason Library Nov. 1st 44

Committee met & was called to order by the Chairman. Prayer was offered by Br. Fletcher. At the calling of the roll Beveridge Davis Graham & Wright were found absent.

Monthly report read by Br. Booth & accepted. The regular question for debate, viz "Is the system of parochial Schools as proposed by the Presbyterian ch susceptible of being put in practice" was then taken up & discussed at length by several members of committee. Under miscellany Messrs Doring (Deering) Welch & Root were proposed & elected members of Committee.

Question for next meeting "Is a new translation of the Bible needed?"

Affirmative Kay ——— Negative King.

Monthly reporter Coe. Com on quest. Root & Welch.

Adjourned after prayer by Br. Doring.

Robt P. Dimond Ch. Geo. Darling Sec.

Mason Library Nov 29/47

Committee met & was called to order by the Chairman. Prayer was offered by Mr Coe. At the calling of the roll Beveridge Conover Gardener Hansell & Hay were ~~elected~~ absent.

Messrs Allen Barr Miller & Valentine were proposed & elected members of committee. Monthly report presented by Br Coe & accepted. The regular question for the evening was taken up & discussed at length.

Question for next meeting "Ought all evangelical denominations to unite in disseminating truth by means of tracts?"

Disputants Aff. Root Neg. Welch

Committee on questions Wight & ~~Beveridge~~ Allen

The regular time of meeting of committee was changed to the Wednesday evening next preceding the meeting of the Society of Inquiry

Adjourned after prayer by Br Booth

Geo. Darling Sec.

Robt. P. Dunn Ch.

Mason Library, Jan'y 6th 1848

Committee met and was called to order by the Chairman. Prayer offered by Br. Root.
At the calling of the role – Allen, Beveridge, Booth, Coe, Darling, T. K. Davis, Drwing, Gardner, Graham, Hansel & Welch were absent.
Conover and Hay were by vote excused for previous absence. The following brethren were received into the committee :– Simonton, Candor, Cochrane, Harris, Logan, Loomis, Parsons, Shannon. The resignation of Br. Beveridge was presented by the Chair and accepted. Br. Conover failed on the monthly report. The regular question was then discused at length.

Question for next meeting :– "Is the present form of theological education – viz by Seminaries – the one best adapted to secure the end proposed ?"
Aff. Wright – Neg. Allen –
Monthly reporter, Conover ; committee on questions – Barr and Booth.
Adjourned after prayer by Br. Logan.

Robt P. Dunn, Ch'm'n. { David King, Sec. pro. tem.

Boston Library Feb 27/48

Committe met & was called to order by the chairman. Prayer by Br Hay. At the calling of the roll Allen. J.R. Davis Graham King Cochrane & Shannon were found absent. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Messrs Allen Booth Coe Gardener & Hansier were excused for absence from the last meeting. The following brethren were elected members of the Com. viz Knapp Orbison & Ramsay

Monthly reports presented by Br Conover & by the Committee accepted

The regular question for debate was then taken up & discussed at considerable length.

Question for next meeting Ought the Presbyterian church to make provision for the education of the children of her indigent members?

Aff. ~~Coe~~ Barr Neg. ~~Conover~~ Booth

Next monthly reporter Davis: Committee on question Coe & Conover

Apourned with prayer

Geo. Darling Sec

Mason Library April 5. 1848.

Committee met & was called to order by the Chair, ~~and was opened with~~ Prayer was offered by one of the brethren. At the calling of the roll, the following brethren were found absent: Darling, Gardiner, Graham, D. King* Candor, and Valentine. Several brethren were excused for absence at the previous meeting. Br Valentine presented his resignation through Br Welch. Br. Colman was elected a member of the Committee.

The monthly report was presented by Bro T K Davis and accepted by the Committee.

The regular question was then debated ___ Question for the next meeting "Should the professors in our Theological Seminaries, be ordinarily selected from those who have had experience in the pastoral office.

Aff. Candor
Cochran

Neg Coe
Coe ~~& Chadwick~~

Committee ~~for choosing~~ questions

~~Candor~~
Colman
Cochran

Adjourned with prayer
J. C. Fletcher
Secy pro tem.

Mason Library, May 3. 1848.

Committee met. Mr. Harris was called to the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Cochran. Darling, Dunn, Graham, Hansell, Knapp - Logan, Parsons, Root, were absent. Mr. Candor was excused - It was voted to suspend the discussion of the question, on acct. of the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. Fletcher offered the monthly Report. It was accepted - Gardiner is the next monthly Reporter. Mr. Hay presented his resignation & it was accepted - Mr. Connor also resigned. The Com. then proceeded to the election of officers. Mr. Booth was elected Chairman, & Mr. Colmery, Secretary. Messrs. Shannon, Candor, & Harris were elected Annual Reporters. Question & assignment the same as at the previous meeting. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Wight.

H. B. Gardiner Sec. pro tem.

Mason Library Sept 6. 1868

The committee met & was called to order by the President, prayer being offered by Brother Candor and the roll being called, the following members were found absent, Cochran, Darling, Fletcher Gardiner, Logan, Parsons, Root, Welch & Shannon, The monthly reports being about now was presented, The question was then discussed on the affi. by Brother Candor, & on the Negative by Brother Coe, the regular disputants,

The following question was then chosen for discussion at the next regular meeting,

Are fictitious Tract consistent with the Spirit of the Gospel?

Affirmation Colmery — Neg. Cochran

Gardiner was continued as monthly Reporter After Prayer by Brother Curtis the Society Adjourned,

Committee on Questions, Darling & Davis,

H. Root Chairman R. L. Colmery Jr. Clerk

Mason Library Oct. 5th 1848

The committee met & was called to order by the Pres. Prayer being offered by Bro. Orbison the roll being called. The following members were found absent. Barr, Darling, Gardiner, Loomis, Parsons, Ramsay & Sinnaton. Those who were absent at the last meeting being called on for their excuses, they were sustained. The annual report on Bibles was presented by Brother Condor. The annual report on Religious Education was presented by Bro. Shannon. The annual report on Tracts by Bro. Harris. These reports were received & adopted as read. The same disputants & Question were continued for the next evening as the discussion was postponed. Gardiner continued as monthly Reporter. After Prayer By Bro. Davis. Meeting adjourned.

H. A. Booth (Chairman) R. C. Colmery Scrib

Mason Library Nov. 1: 1848

Committee met, the chairman being absent. Mr. Gardiner was elected chairman pro-tem, after prayer by Bro. Root, the roll was called and following members were found absent. Darling, Orbison, & Simonton, brethren were then called in for excuses and were sustained, Mr. Littell was presented & elected a member of Committee, Monthly reporter failed to present his report, and was continued for the next Month, The Question was then discussed with considerable spirit, on both sides.

The following Question was chosen for discussion at the next regular meeting. "Ought a Seminary Student to apply for license before the completion of the full course when circumstances do not absolutely require it"?

Aff. Davis Negative Dewing

Reporter Gardiner.

Committee on Questions. Fletcher & Gardiner,

After prayer by brother Dewing the committee adjourned—

W. A Booth (C)

R. C. Colmery
Sec

Mason Library Dec. 6: 1848

The committee met, the Chairman being absent Mr. Simanton was chosen Chairman pro-tem — after prayer by Bro. Ramsay the was called and the following members were found absent, Booth, Cochran, Root, & Welch, Brothers Simanton & Orbison were then sustained in their excuses for absence, Bro. Warren was proposed & elected a member of the committee, Bro — Gardiner read the monthly report, wh. report was accepted, The question was then discussed by the regular disputants, The following question was chosen for the next meeting — "Should the principle of emulation be appealed to in religious Education"? Affirmative Fletcher Negative Gardiner,

Mr. Candor then offered his resignation to the committee which was accepted,

Monthly Reporter Harris Committee on Questions Harris & Littrell,

After prayer by Brother Deering the committee adjourned,

A. A. Booth
Chairman

R. C. Colmery
Scribe

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Mason Library Jan. 3. 1849

The Committee met and was called to order by the president, prayer being offered by Mr. Colmery & the roll being called the following of the Committee were found absent, Deering Swain Little Loomis Parsons Ramsay Root & Welch. The brethren who were absent at the last meeting were all sustained in their excuses. Mr. Templeton was then proposed and elected a member of the committee. The monthly Report was then read by Br. Davis and received, After the discussion of the question the following one was chosen for discussion at the next regular meeting, "Is it right & productive of good to confer the degree of D. D on able theologians"!

Aff Davis Neg. Logan

Monthly Reporter Little

Committee on Questions Loomis & Orbison

After prayer by Bro. Orr the Committee adjourned

A. A. Booth (Ch)

R. C. Colmery
Scribe

Mason Library Jan 31: 1849

The committee met & the President being absent Bro. Cox was elected President pro. Tem. prayer being offered by Bro. Littell, the roll being called the following members were found absent, Cochran, Gardiner, Harris, Booth, Orbison & Ramsay, All Southern who were absent at the last meeting were sustained in their excuses. The Monthly Report was then read by Brother Littell, which Report after some modifications was accepted, After the discussion of the question the following one was chosen for discussion at the next regular meeting. "Shall an church member be disciplined for sending their children to Romish Schools"

Aff. Orbison Neg. Loomis

Monthly Reporter Logan
Committee on Questions Parsons & Ramsay

After prayer by Bro. Harris the Committee adjourned

W. A. Booth Ch.

R. L. Colmery Scribe

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Mason Library Feb. 28. 1849

The committee met as usual & was called to order by the President, prayer being offered by Bro. Ramsay. The Role was called & the following members were found absent, Cochran Gardiner Harris Little, Ramsay Shannon & Welch, All who were absent at the last meeting were sustained in their excuses. The monthly report was then read by Bro. Logan and after some amendments was adopted. The regular question was then discussed & the following one chosen for the next meeting. "Is it for the best interest of the church that Professorships in our Colleges should be filled by ordained ministers"

Aff. Parson Neg. Ramsay

Monthly Reporter Loomis.
Committee on Questions, Root & Shannon

After prayer by Bro. Coe. the committee adjourned.

A. A. Boothe, (Ch)

R. C. Colmery
Scrib

Mason Library, Apl. 4. 1849

The Committee met at the usual time, and in the absence of the Chairman & Secy. Bro. Harris was called to the chair & T.K. Davis appt Sec. pro tem. Prayer was then offered by Bro. Fletcher. The Roll was then called and the following members were absent, Booth, Coe, Colmery, Cochran, Dewing, Gardner, Orbison, Parsons, Ramsay, Root, Simanton & Welch. Bro. Logan objected to the last minutes on the ground of their inconsistency in stating that certain members were found absent, when in fact they were not found here at all. The Monthly Report was then read by Br. Loomis & accepted. On motion, the discussion of the question was postponed till the next meeting. The exercises for the next meeting stand thus:

Quest. "Is it for the best interests of the Ch. that Professorships in our Colleges should be filled by ordained ministers?"

Affd. Parsons Neg. Root

Monthly Rep. Orbison

Committee on Questions. Root & Shannon.

Bros Booth, Dewing & Welch came in after Roll call.

Bro. Coe's resignation was handed in & accepted.

After prayer by Br. Littell the Com. adjourned

Thos. K. Davis
Sec. pro tem.

Mason Library, May 2d 1849.

The Com. met at the usual hour, bro. Templeton called to the chair & prayer offered up by bro. Simanton The Monthly Reporter, Orbison, failed to present a report. The discussion of the question was dispensed with, to afford an opportunity for the Annual election of officers of the Committee which resulted as follows:-

Chairman - L. I. Root
Secretary - F. K. Davis
Annual Essayist - J. N. Shannon

~~On a p. of the small number of members present~~
The following quest. was chosen for discussion at the next meeting - Are the operations of the Am. S. S Union likely to interfere with those of the Presb. Bd. of Publication?

Aff. Shannon — Neg. Templeton

M. Reporter - Orbison
Com. on qns. Barr & Cochran

Bro. Parsons handed in his resignation of membership. Accepted. The following members absent. Barr, Booth, Cochran, Colmery, Dewing, Fletcher, Gardner, Harris, Littell, Orbison, Ramsay, Warden.
Closing Prayer by Bro. Loomis

H. A. Booth, chn — Fno. K. Davis
Sec. p. t.

Mason Library Sept 5th 1849.

The Committee held its first meeting during the new session of the Seminary immediately after prayer-meeting. The Chairman being absent, Bro. Calmeny was chosen chairman pro tem. Prayer was offered by D. Ewing. On roll call Brothers Cochran, Davis, Harris, Loomis, Orbison, Root, & Simonton were found absent. The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted. Excuses for absence at last meeting were called for & given. As but few brethren were present the discussion of the proposed question was postponed. The Monthly Reporter Bro. Orbison was absent & by vote of the Committee released from the performance of his duty.

As the Chairman Elect was absent & as was the Seminary & the Secretary was absent the Committee proceeded to a new election of officers resulting as follows.

Chairman Bro Littell.
Secretary Bro Templeton

The appointments were made as follows

Question for next meeting — Are the operations of the Am. S. S. Union likely to interfere with those of the Presb^n Board of Publication?

Aff. Bro. Shannon Neg. Bro Templeton.

Monthly Reporter — Bro Simonton.

Committee on Dues. Bros Barr & Cochran.

Closed with prayer by Bro Logan

Thomas. S. D. Ewing
Sec'y pro tem.

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Mason Library. Oct. 31st 1849

The committee met immediately after prayer meeting, the president being absent Bro. Cochran was called to the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by bro. Logan. At the calling of the roll the following members were absent, Barr, Colmery, Deering, Littell, Loomis, & Shannon. On motion the debate was postponed until the next meeting Question Are the operations of the American S.S. Union likely to interfere with those of the Presbyterian board of Publication. Aff. Shannon. Neg. Templeton. Mssr. Edwards, Simonton, & Valentine were elected members of the committee. Mssr. Logan & Orbison handed in their resignation wh. was on motion accepted.

Committee on questions Barr & Cochran.
Monthly reporter, Templeton.
Closed with prayer by Bro. Valentine

Templeton Sec.

Cochran Chairn. pro-tem.

Mason Library Nov. 28th 1849

The committee met immediately after prayer meeting & was called to order by the president & opened with prayer by Mr. Dewing. At the calling of the roll the following members were absent: Barr, Colmery, Cochran, Harris & Loomis. The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.

Mssrs. Dewing, Littell & Shannon were excused for absence from the last meeting. Mssrs. Milligan & Gehnizer & Conover were elected members of this committee. The reporter failed to present a report & was required to prepare it for the society, & before presenting it to society to read it to the president. Next reporter Mr. Valentine. The regular question was discussed; & the following one chosen for discussion at the next meeting: Would the establishment of a new Theological seminary at Cincinatta promote the interests of the church? Affs. Valentine. Neg. Barr. Committee on questions Cochran & Dewing. Mr. Colmery's resegnation was handed in & accepted.

Closed with prayer by Mr. Edwards.

Templeton Sec.

Luther Littell. chairman

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Oratory Jan 30th 1850

The committee met immediately after prayer meeting. The president being absent Mr. Vinnonton was called to the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Conover. At the calling of the roll the following members were absent Messrs. Barr, Cochran, Dewing, Harris, Littell, Loomis, Milligan, Shannon & Gahnizer. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted. Messrs. Price, Criswell, & Nassau were elected members of this committee. The reporter failed to hand in a report, & was required to prepare it for the Society. Next monthly reporter Gahnizer.

The regular question was discussed by Mr. Valentine on the Affirmative & Templeton in the place of Barr on the negative, after wh. it was entertainingly discussed by the committee

Question for discussion at the next meeting,

"Should the Students of this Seminary in colporteuring give the preferance to the Board of Publication, or to the A. T. Society & U. S. Union?"

Affirmative Cochran. Negative Dewing

Committee on questions. Edwards & Harris.

Closed with prayer by Mr. Price.

Wm. H. Templeton Sec.

Luther Littell Pres.

Mason Library Feb 27th 1850

The committee met immediately after prayer meeting, & was opened with prayer by Mr. Nassau At the calling of the roll the following persons were absent. Messrs Cochran, Conover, Criswell, Harris, Loomis, Milligan, Shannon, Simonton, Valentine, & Zahniger. The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted. Messrs. Barr, Dewing, & Littell were excused for absense at the calling of the roll at the last meeting. The reporter failed to hand in his monthly report. Next monthly reporter Mr. Barr. The debate came on & Mr. Cochran being absent the question was discussed by Mr. Dewing on the Negative. Afterwards it was discussed by society.

The following question was adopted for discussion at the next meeting. "Ought our state governments to give the same aid to parochial schools, & church academies & colleges as to the purely state institutions."

Affirmative, Edwards. Negative, Harris.

Committee on questions Littell & Loomis.

Closed with prayer by Mr. Edwards.

Wm H. Templeton Sec.

Luther Littell. Pres.

Mason Library March 27th 1850

The committee met immediately after prayer meeting, & was opened with prayer by Mr. Conover. The roll was called & the following members were absent Mrs. Barr, Cochran, Criswell, Harris, Loomis, Milligan, Nassau, Shannon, & Zahniser. Mr. Cochran's name was stricken from the roll for being absent three evenings in succession. Mrs. Conover, Simonton, & Valentine were excused for absense at the last meeting. The monthly reporter failed to hand in his report. Reporter for the next month Mr. ~~Conover~~ Barr. The question appointed for discussion, was discussed by Mr. Edwards on the affirmative, & on the negative by Mr. Valentine in the place of Mr. Harris. It was afterwards discussed by the ~~society~~ committee. The following question was chosen for discussion at the next meeting, "Is it right to alter the books of authors now deceased in order to obviate the religious or political prejudices of the readers." Affirmative, Loomis. Negative, Nassau. Committee on questions, Price & Conover. Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Valentine.

Wm H. Templeton, Sec.

Luther Littell, Pres.

Mason Library Apr 30th 1850.

The committee met & was opened with prayer by Mr. Edwards. The roll was called & the following persons were absent. Messrs. Barr, Criswell, Sewing, Harris, Loomis, & Price. The following persons were excused for absence. Mr. Nassau for absence from the last meeting & Mr. Shannon for being absent three evenings. The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted. The reporter was excused for ~~not~~ reporting at the last meeting. The monthly reporter failed to hand in a report. The reporter for the next month is Mr. Conover. Mr. Nassau moved the discussion of the question be postponed until the next meeting. Carried.

Question. "Is it right to alter the books of authors now deceased in order to obviate the religious or political prejudices of the readers."

Affr. Price Negative Nassau.

Mr. Shannon moved to suspend the constitution so far as to elect the officers & reporter viva voce. Carried. The following persons were elected: President Mr. Edwards; Secretary Mr. Nassau; ~~Reporter~~ Mr. Conover, Annual reporter. Committee on questions Conover & Criswell. Closed with prayer by Mr. Conover.

Wm H. Templeton, Sec't

Luther Littell. Pres.

Mason Library Aug 30th 1850

The committee met at half past Seven O'clock
Was opened with prayer by Mr. Price.
Members present Edwards. Price. Criswell. & Conover
absent. Nassau. Mr. Morgan was elected
a member of the committee. On motion the
reporter was allowed to present his report
before the Society of Inquiry, without being
read before the committe.
Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Criswell.

R. Conover Sec protem

John Edwards Pres.

Mason Library, Sept. 25th 1850

The Committee met at eight O'clock, the
President being in the chair, and was opened with
prayer by Mr. Criswell. The Roll was called;-
absent,- Messrs. Morgan and Price. Mr. Nassau
absence from the previous meeting was excused.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and a-
-dopted. Messrs. Platt, Noble, Sprague,
Mitchell, Handee, Safford, Rittenhouse,
and Forman were elected members of the Com-
-mittee. The Annual Report was called for;-
Mr. Conover presented as an excuse for not serving
his want of time, and was excused. Mr. Platt
was elected Annual Reporter, and was authorized
to read his report before Society without bringing
it before the Committee. The following

question was discussed by Mr. Noble (as a substitute for Mr. Price) on the Affr. and Mr. Nassau on the Negv. viz. "Is it right to alter the books of authors now deceased, in order to obviate the religious or political prejudices of the readers?" It was afterwards discussed by the Committee.

The following question was selected for discussion at the next regular meeting, viz - "Should the publications of the A. S. Union be used by Presbyterian Sabbath Schools, in preference to those of the Presbyterian Board of Publication?"

Affr. Mr. Conover, Negv. Mr. Criswell,
Committee on Questions:- Messrs. Forman & Hardie,
Monthly Reporter for November - Mr. Criswell.
Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Hardie.

Jos. E. Nassau, Secy

John Edwards, Pres.

Mason Library, Oct. 30th 1850,

The Committee met at Eight O'clock P.M., the President in the chair, and was opend with prayer by Mr. Noble. The Roll was called, - absent - Messrs. Forman, Mitchell, Rittenhouse and Spayde. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & adopted. Mr. Price's absence from the last meeting was excused. On motion, Messrs. Mott, Clemens and Montgomery were elected members of the Committee. The Monthly Reporter, Mr. Criswell, being unprepared to submit his report, on motion, he was excused from bringing it before the Com. previously to his making it to

the Society. Mr. Forman was announced as the Monthly Reporter for December. Mr. Price offered his resignation as a member of the Committee, which was on motion accepted. — The Question for debate was then eloquently discussed by Messrs. Conover & Criswell, on the Aff. & Neg. respectively; after which it was discussed by other members of Com.

The following was selected as the Question for the next meeting, viz- "Is it advisable for our religious publishing Societies to publish books of fiction?"

Aff. Forman —— & Neg. Hardie.

Committee on Questions - Mitchell & Montgomery.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Conover

Jos. E. Nassau, Secy.

John Edwards, Prest.

Oratory, Nov. 27th 1850.

The Committee met at half past seven P.M., and the meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Montgomery. The Roll was called, - absent, Messrs. Criswell, Mitchell and Rittenhouse. Mr. Forman's absence from the previous meeting was excused. The minutes of the last meeting were read & on motion adopted.

On motion Mr. Millikin was elected a member of the committee. Mr. Forman, being unprepared to present the monthly Report, - was on motion allowed additional time in which to prepare it for the next meeting of the Society. The monthly Reports

for January is Mr. Hardié. The regular question for debate was then discussed by Mr. Forman on the affr. and Mr. Hardié on the negative — and subsequently by other members of the Committee.

The following question was selected for discussion at the ensuing meeting, viz. "Should the principle of emulation be appealed to in religious education?"

Affr. Mitchell — Neg. Montgomery.

Committee on Questions — Mott and Nassau.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Clemens.

Joseph E. Nassau, Secy.

John Edwards, Prest.

Oratory, Jany. 29th 1851

The Committee convened agreeably to notice, & the meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Clemens. At the calling of the Roll, Messrs. Conover, Criswell, Hardié, Mott and Rittenhouse were absent, Mr. Mitchell's absence from the last meeting was excused. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and on motion adopted. The Monthly Reporter failed to appear. The Monthly Reporter for March is Mr. Mitchell.

The question for debate was then discussed by the regular disputants, Messrs Mitchell and Montgomery, and subsequently by other members of the Committee. The Committee selected the following as the Question for the ensuing meeting viz. "Is a purely secular education (or that into which the relig-

=ious element does not to some extent enter) productive of good?
— Aff. Mott. — Neg. Nafpan —
Committee on Questions; - Messrs Noble and Platt.
The Com. then adjourned with prayer by Mr. Noble -

Joseph E. Nafpan - Secy.

John Edwards, - Pres.

Nassau Library, Feb. 26th 1851.

The Committee having met at 7½ P. M., the meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Noble.
The Roll was called; - absent. Messrs. Conover, Criswell Forman, Montgomery, Mott and Rittenhouse.
The minutes of the last meeting having been read were on motion adopted. Mr. Mitchell presented his Monthly Report, which was adopted.
The Monthly Reporter for April is Mr. Montgomery.
The Question for debate was then discussed by Mr. Platt (who volunteered for Mr. Mott) on the Aff. and Mr. Nafpan, on the Negative; - after which a warm discussion was elicited from the other members of the Committee. The following is the Question selected for the next meeting, viz. "Should persons who make no profession of religion be employed as Sab. School teachers?"

Aff. Noble — Neg. Platt.

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The Committee on Questions:- Messrs. Rittenhouse & Safford.
The Com. then on motion adjourned with prayer by Mr. Platt.

Joseph E. Nafpan, Secy.

John Edwards,- Prest.

Mason Library, April 30th 1851

The Committee convened agreeably to previous notice;- the meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Forman. — Upon the Roll being called, Messrs Criswell, Hardie, Mitchell, Mott and Platt were absent. - The minutes of the last meeting were read and on motion adopted;

Messrs Forman and Rittenhouse were on motion excused for absence from the previous meeting.

The Monthly Reporter failed to appear.

The Monthly Reporter for September is Mr. Haddan.

The debate was on motion postponed. The question for discussion therefore at the ensuing meeting will be,- "Should persons who make no profession of religion be Employed as Sab. School teachers?"

Affs. Platt, Negs. Rittenhouse.

Com. on Questions;- Messrs Safford and Clemens.

This being the regular meeting for the election of Officers to serve during the next Seminary Session, Mr. Safford

was on motion chosen President, Mr. Inman, Secy. &
Mr. Rittenhouse, Annual Essayist.
The Committee then adjourned with prayer by
Mr. Napfan.

Joseph E. Napfan, Secy.

John Edwards, Prest.

Mason Library, Sept. 24th '51

Committee met, & the meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Platt. Absentees = Messrs Briswell, Hardie & Nassau. Minutes of previous meeting were then read & adopted, & Messrs Mott & Platt excused for absence from that meeting. After which, Messrs McKee, Moore (J. H.), Frierson, Blackburn, Sickels, Dieterich, Mosher, Davidson, ~~Baxter~~, Woodhull, & Life were elected members of this Committee.

There being no regular Reporter for this month Mr. Forman was appointed to read a ten-minutes' report before the next meeting of the Society of Inquiry.

Next monthly Reporter = Mr. ~~Baxter~~ Blackburn

The question chosen at the previous meeting was then taken up & discussed; after which the following was chosen for debate at the next, viz.

"Is the religious observance of the Sabbath the duty of all men?"

Aff. Woodhull ~ Neg. Sickels

Committee on Questions = Messrs Platt, Rittenhouse & ~~Nassau~~

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Mr. Dieterich

J. P. Safford, Pres. A. P. Forman, Sec.

Mason Library, Oct. 25th 1851

Committee met pursuant to previous adjournment & was called to order by the Chairman. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Davidson. Minutes read & adopted. On calling the roll, Messrs Braswell, Mosher, Mott, Rittenhouse & Woodhull were found to be absent. Mr. Nassau was excused for previous absences. The following persons were then elected members of this Committee, viz Messrs Barr, Brown, Cathcart & Mosely. The monthly Report for the Society of Inquiry was read, received & adopted. After this the question chosen at the previous meeting was taken up & discussed.

Monthly Reporter ~ Mr. Blackburn

Question.

"Ought professing Christians to attend the Opera?"

Aff. Rittenhouse : Neg. Platt

Committee on Questions = Messrs Nassau & Mott.

Meeting adjourned with prayer

J. J. Safford - Pres. A. B. Forman, Sec

Mason Library Nov. 26

The Committee met, & the Chairman being absent, ~~was called to~~ Mr. Nassau was called to the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Blackburn. The minutes of previous meeting were then read & adopted; after which the Roll was called & the following members were found not to be present, viz Messrs Brown, Brinwell, Davidson, Dieterich, Hardie, Moore, Mosely, Mosher, Safford, Sickel, & Woodhull. Mr. Hopkins elected as new member. The monthly report was then read by Mr. Blackburn, — adopted.

Next Reporter = Mr. Brown.

The question chosen at the previous meeting was taken up & discussed

Question for next meeting

Do any radically pernicious effects result from the study of the ancient classics in College?

Aff. Nassau Neg. Mott.

Committee on Questions = Mosher & Mosely

Mr. Platt tendered his resignation as member of this Committee, which was received

Meeting adjourned with prayer

J. P. Safford, — Pres. A. P. Forman, Sec'y

Muson Library

Dec. 31st '51

Committee was called to order by the Chairman & the meeting opened with prayer by Mr. Mosher.

Absentees = Messrs. Barr, Blackburn, Brown, Clemens, Criswell, Davidson, Frierson, Hardie, Hopkins, Life, McKee, Moore, Mott, Nassau, Sickels, Woodhull.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read & approved. Messrs Dieterich, Mosely, Mosher, & Safford excused for absence.

The monthly reporter failed to read a report & was granted further time. It was also resolved to hold a ~~xxxx~~ meeting of the Committee at 12 o'clock Jan. 1st '52, to give him the opportunity of presenting his report.

Next Reporter — Mr. Clemens

The discussion of the question was dispensed with.

Question for next meeting

"Has the Tract Soc. in her operations exceeded the just limit of her powers?"

Aff. Mosher Neg. Mosely.

Committee on Questions — Moore & McKee.

Under the head of miscellaneous business, was read by the Sec. a communication from the Board of Managers of the Soc. of Inquiry with reference to the periodicals of the Reading Room.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Mr. Mosely.

J. V. Safford, Pres. R. P. Forman. Sec.

Mason Library

Jan. 28th 1852

The ~~President~~ Chairman being Absent, Mr. Moore was called to the Chair, & the meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Dieterich. Absentees = Blackburn, Brown, Cathcart, Clemens, Criswell, Frierson, Hardie, Hopkins, Life, Mott, Safford, Sickels, Woodhull. Minutes of previous meeting were read & approved. Messrs Barr, Davidson, McKee, Moore & Nassau were excused for absence.

Monthly reporter failed.

Next Reporter — Criswell.

The question chosen at the previous meeting was then taken up & discussed.

After which the following was chosen for the next meeting —

"Ought the Synods of our Church to establish Normal Schools?"

Aff. — Moore Neg. — McKee.

Committee on Questions — Life & Hopkins

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

J. F. Safford, Pres. A. P. Formen Sec.

Mason Library

Feb. 25th '32

Committee was called to order by the Chairman & meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Mosely.

Absentees = Barr, Brown, Cathcart, Criswell, Frierson, Hardie, Hopkins, Life, Mosher, Mott, Sickel, Woodhull.

Minutes of previous meeting were read & approved.

Messrs. Blackburn, Clemens & Safford excused for previous absences.

The monthly report was read by Mr. Clemens. It was received & adopted by the Committee.

Next Reporter, ~~Mr. Criswell~~ Mr. Davidson.

The question chosen at the previous meeting was taken up & discussed.

Question for next meeting:

"Ought our Church to lower the Standard of ministerial education in case of colored Candidates?"

Aff. ~ Life. Neg. ~ Hopkins.

Committee on questions ~ Hardie & Frierson

Meeting adjourned with prayer by

J. P. Safford, Pres. A. P. Forman, Sec.

Maison Library
March 185-2

At a called meeting of the Committee Mr. Mosher was elected Annual Essayist in the place of Mr. Rittenhouse, who is absent from the Seminary.

A. P. Forman Sec.

Maison Library
March 31st '52

Committee was called to order by the Chairman & meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Mosely. The Roll was called & following members were absent, viz. Blackburn, Brown, Criswell, Davidson, Frierson, Hardie, Hopkins, Life, Mc Kee, Moore, Mott, Nassau, Sickels, Woodhull. Minutes of the previous meetings on being read were received & adopted. Excused for absence at previous meeting, Messrs Barr, Leathcart, & Mosher. Reporter - Mr. Davidson The Annual Essay was then read by Mr. Mosher, & was approved & ordered to be read before the Society of Inquiry. The regular debate being next in order, on motion it was resolved to postpone it till the next meeting.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Mosher.

J. P. Safford, Pres. A. P. Forman Sec.

Mason Library

April 28th '52

Committee met & was called to order by the Chairman. Meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Brown. Roll was called & following persons were absent, viz. Cathcart, Criswell, Dieterich, Hardie, Hopkins, Life, Moore, Mosher, Mott, Sickel, Woodhull. Minutes of previous meeting read & approved. Excused for absence, Brown, Davidson, Frierson, Nassau.

Monthly Reporter failed, & on motion further time was given him, with the privilege of reading his report to the Chairman instead of the Committee before presenting it to the Soc. of Enquiry.

Next Reporter, Mr. Dieterich.

On motion the Debate was postponed.

Question

"Ought our Church to lower the standard of ministerial education in case of colored candidates?"

Aff. Life Neg. Hopkins.

Committee on Question — Hardie & Frierson.

It being the regular meeting for the election of officers, the following persons were chosen, viz

Pres. Davidson.

Sec. Clemens.

Annual Reporter. Forman.

Meeting adjourned with prayer

J. P. Jaffrey, Pres. A. P. Forman, Sec.

Seminary

September 29 1852

Committe met & was called to order by the Chairman.
Meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Blackburn
Roll was called & the following persons were absent, viz.
Brown Dieterich Frierson Hopkins Life Mosely
Mosher Mott Sickels.
The following persons were elected members, viz. Chapin
Brown W. Y. Graham.
Monthly Reporter failed to report.
Next Reporter Mr. Foreman.
On motion the Debate was postponed —

Question —

Ought our church to lower the standard of Ministerial "education in case of Coloured candidates?"
Affirmative Life Negative Hopkins —
Committe on Questions Frierson and Hopkins
Meeting adjourned with prayer by Mr. Cathcart.

William Clemens Sec.

Iratum On motion the miselaneous business was postponed —

Mason Library Sept. 1st 1852

Committe met & was opened with prayer by brother Mott.
Th President then stated the object of the meeting, which was to hear the Report read by bother Dieterich prior to reading it before the Soc. of Inquiry.
Brother Dieterich read a part of his Report, when by motion of brother Mott he was excused from the reading of the whole.

After which the Committe ajourned without transacting farther business.

William Clemens Sec.

Wilson Library Oct 28th 52

Committe meet. was opened with prayer by Mr. L. Brown. Roll was called. Minutes read and received

The following persons were elected members Mundy, Wotherow, Grey.

The Reporter for the present month failed to report,

The regular debaters failed to discharge their duty

The Question, being opened for irregular discussion, was debated by Cathcart & Davidson.

The Committe on Questions not being present The following Question was chosen by the Committe for the next meeting

"Should the present translation of the English Bible be revised"

Affirmative, Mosley- Negative, Mosher.

Committe on Questions, Cathcart & Brown.

Next Reporter. Graham.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Mr Sickles.

Pro Davidson, Chairman

J.C. Graham

Pro. tem. Secretary

Mason Library Nov. 24 / 52

Committe convened.

& was opened with prayer by Bro. Cathcart. At roll call the following persons were absent Blackburn. Saml Brown. W. Y. Brown Farman Frierson Graham Grey Hopkins. Life Mott. Mr. Marshal was then elected a member of the committe.

The Reporter appeared & read his report which on motion was accepted.

The Question being open for regular discussion was debated on the affirmative by Cathcart. Volunteer & by Mr. Mosher regular debater on the Negative.

After which the following Question was chosen for the next meeting. "Is an unsanctified education a blessing to the World." Debaters. Mott affirm. & Moundy deny

Reporter for next Month Frierson.

Committe on Questions. Davidson & Deiterich.

On motion the meeting adjourned with prayer by Brother Sickels.

John Davidson Chairman. Wm. Clemens Sec.

Mason Library Dec. 29 / 52

Committe met according to notice & was opened with prayer by brot. Witherow. The president being absent Brot. Farman was called to the chair. On roll call the following persons were absent. Blacklumn. Brown Samuel. Brow W. Y. Cathcart, Davidson Dietrich. Grey. Hopkins. Life. Mashen. Watt Sickels. Mundy Excused for absence Farman & Frierson.

Moved by Brother Graham that the Reporter as he was not prepared to read his Report before the Committe, be allowed to read it before the Soc. of Inquiry without reading it before the Committe, again

Moved that the Debate be postponed. carried. The next debaters will remain same as before on the Question. Is universal ified education a blessing to the World. Affirmative Watt. Negative Mundy.

Committe on Questions Davidson & Dietrich

Next Reporter — Grey.

On motion the Committe ajourneyed with Prayer by Brother. Marshal.

John Davidson Prest. William Clemens Sec.

Mason Library Jan. 26th 53

Committe

was called to order & opened with prayer by Brot. Hopkins. At rall call the following members were absent. Blackburn Brown W. Y. Cathcart. Dieterich. Forman. Grey. Life. Matt. Mundy. Sickels.
Excused for absence. Brown Saml. Davidson Hopkins. The debate being in order the following question was discussed. "Is an unsanctified education a blessing to the World". Debated on the Affi. by Masker volunteer & by Hopkins on the Neg. also a volunteer. As the subject was warmly discussed & the time commonly alowed for the debate had been consumed. on Motion of Brot. Marshall the time was farther limited to ½ past 9. O. Clock. Miselaneous business. A communication from Brot. Blackburn having been read was ordered to be returned, as being objectionable in phraseology. After which a question was chosen for next meeting. reading. "Is it derogatory to the character of christians to live in a State which forbids teaching Slaves to read" Affirmative Sickels. Negative Witheraw. Next Reporter Brot. Hopkins.
Committe on Questions Forman & Frierson
Committe ajourned with prayer by Brot. Marsh
John Davidson Pres. Wm Clemens Sec.

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Mason Library Feb. 23/53

Committe met & was opend with prayer by brot. Mundy. At Roll call the following members were absent, Cathcart - Dieterich - Farman - Hopkins - Life - Mosher -

The minutes of last meeting were approved Brot. Mundy & Sickels were excused for absence. The Reporter failed After which the question chosen for the evening was discussed on the Aff. by bro. Sickels & on the Neg. by bro. Witherow.

The following question was selected for next meeting. "Are the Evangelical churches of the United States more deficient in religion to charity - than they are as to other parts of the system of faith & practice as set forth in the Scriptures" Debaters - Brown on the Aff. & Cathcart on the Neg.

Next Reporter brot. Marshal

Committe on Questions Graham & Hopkins

Committe ajourned with prayer by brot. Frierson.

John Davidson President Wm Clemens Sec.

Mason Library
March 30th 1853

Committe met

& was opened with prayer by bot. Graham. Absent at roll call. Brown - Cathcart - Dieterich - Frierson Hopkins - Lipe - Mosher - Mundy - Sickels Witherow. Not excused for absence Farman -

Reparter failed to repart.

Moved by Brot. Farman that the discussion of the question be pastponed to next meeting. The question will read as before. "Are the Evangelical churches of the United States more deficient in religion to charity - than they are as to other parts of the system of faith & practice as set forth in the Scriptures". Debaters.

Brown Aff. Cathcart Neg.

Next Reparter — Brot. Mundy -

Committe on Questions Graham & Hopkins

Meeting ajourned with prayer by Clemens.

John Davidson Prest. Clemens Sec,

Mason Library April 27(5

Committe met & was opened with prayer by Brot. Frierson. Absent at Roll call Davidson - Dieterich - Hopkins - Life - Marshal - Mosher - The minutes were read and adopted. Excused for absence Brown - Cathcart. Frierson - Mundy - Sickels - Witherow.

On motion the Reporter was granted farther time to prepare his Report.

Next Reporter - Sickels

The debate on motion was postponed.

The debate will read as before. "Are the evangelical churches of the United States more deficient "in religion" to charity, than they are as to other parts of the system of faith & practice as set forth in the Scriptures"

Affirmative Brown - Negative Frierson

The mode of electing Officers was changed from balloting to viva voce. When the following Brethren were chosen Officers

Chairman - Sickels - Secretary - Graham

Annual Reporter - Life.

Ajourneyed with prayer by Brot. Mundy

John Edwin Davidson (Chairman)
William Clemens Secretary

Mason Library Sep 28/53

Committee

meet & was opened with prayer by Broth Marshal. Roll called minutes read & accepted. Absent at Calling the roll Dietterich Mundy life Excused for absence Mr Marshal Next Reported Brooks The Debate being in order. It was discussed on the Affir-Graham. Negative Marshal Election of new members being in order. Messrs Brooks Mathers Wells Giltner Gilmour. were elected. The following Question was Chosen for next meeting "Should Emulation be appealed to in Religious Education"

Affir Wells Neg Marshal

Reporter: Brooks

Chairman

Sickels

Graham Sec.

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Committee met. was opened with prayer by Graham. The Roll was called. Minutes of the previous meeting was read & accepted Mr Gilmour was appointed Reporter for next Month. The question "Should Emulation be appealed to in Religious Education" was then discussed by the Regular debaters for the evening

The Report failed. The question was then opened for Irregular debate in which Mr. Mathes Marshall The Question was then selected for next meeting and is as follows Ought Clergymen ever to add Secular teaching to their pastoral labours

Aff. Mathes Neg. Life

On Motion Adjourned with prayer by Mr Gilmour

Chas Eckels
Sec. Graham

Mason Library Nov 30th 1853.

Committee meet was opened with prayer by Mr Giltner. The roll was called & minutes of previous meeting was read & accepted. Mr Gilmour Reporter for the month failed to perform his duty.
Mr Giltner was appointed Reporter for the month of November. + The question "+ ought Clergymen ever to add Secular teaching to their pastoral labours" was discused, After the regular debate. The question was opened for irregular discussion, Mr Giltner Marshall
The following question was Selected for debate next meeting. Or See above +.

Closed with prayer by Mr Mundy,

W.W. Seickels Chm. J C Graham Sec.

Mason Library Decr 28th 1853

Committee meet was opened with prayer by Mr Giltner. The roll was called & minutes of the previous evening was read & accepted
~~Mr Giltner~~. 5 Election of New member. Mr Barclay was unanimously elected a member of the Committee
Mr Giltner failed to Report. On Motion he was granted longer time to report & a meeting was appointed to be held on Monday morning 9 o'clock of Jan 1. 1854 to hear it read. The question for the evening was discussed & a new one Selected for next meeting and is as follows, "Are the evangelical churches of the United States more deficient in Religion as to charity

than they are as to other parts of the system of faith and Practice as set forth in the Scriptures.
Aff Mathes Neg Mundy
N. B. Messrs Mathes and Graham were appointed a committee on questions
Reporter Graham On motion adjourned
Prayer offered by Mr Mathes

Chairman W. W. Seckels
J. C. Graham Sec.

Mason Library Jan 25th 1854
Committee meet; Prayer offered by Mr Mathes
minutes read & adopted—
Reporter failed to report. Question for the evening was then debated on the Aff. by Mr Mathes. Neg. The regular disputant not being present Mr Gittner appear for the Neg. in the irregular debate followed by Mr. Marshall Mr Mathes closed the debate in Short speech in the affirmative— De Question for next month is as follows— ought a Seminary Student to apply for license before the completion of the Course: when circumstances do not absolutely it? Reporter Hopkins— On motion adjourned Prayer by Mr Hopkins.

W. W. Seckels Chm
J. C. Graham Sec.

Mason Library Feb 24th 1854

Committee Convened was opened with prayer by Mr Brakley - roll was called. Minutes read and adopted On Motion Committee went into an election of a Chairman to serve the remainder of the session instead of Mr Sickels - who has left the Seminary. It resulted in the Election of Mr Barkley. The debate failed this evening. The Reporter for the month Mr Hopkins not being ready to report was granted until Monday evening at 7 o'clock to repair his report at which time the Committee were to hold a meeting for the purpose of hearing it read. On Motion the following question was selected for next meeting. Ought a Seminary Student to apply for license before the Completion of the course: when circumstances do not absolutely require it. Aff Geltner Neg Graham Reporter for the next month. ~~Barkley~~ Mathes

On Motion Adjourned.

A. H. Barkley Chm

J. C. Graham Sec.

Mason Library Feb 27th 1854

Committee convened was called to order by Mr Barkley opened with prayer by Mr Wells. Rolled was called and minutes read & accepted. The report of Mr Hopkins was then read and received.

On Motion Adjourned. Colesed with prayer by Mr Gilter.

A. H. Barkley Chm

John C. Graham Sec.

Mason Library March 27/54

Committee conveined, opened with prayer by Mr Mundy. Roll Called Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted.

The Monthly report called for. Mr Mundy reported.

The question for debate was then read.

Aff. Mathes. Neg. Graham.

The Question for next meeting "ought a Theological Student be allowed to preach before he is licensed".

Aff Hopkins. Neg Mathes.

Next monthly reporter, Mundy.

On Motion ajourned

Colesed with prayer by Mr Hopkins

A. H. Barkley, Chm

I. C. Graham Sec

Mason Library April 26th 1854

Mason Library April 26th, 1854

Committee met, & was opened with prayer by Bro. Mundy.— Roll called & minutes of last meeting read & adopted. Monthly report was then read by Bro. Mathes.— This being the regular evening for the election of Officers for the next Term,- The debate was postponed.- & the same question chosen for debate at the first regular meeting next session, Question.- "Ought a Theological student to be allowed to preach before he is licensed."—

Disputants- Aff. Mathes — Neg. Mundy.-

Committee then entered into the Election of Officers- Which resulted as follows-

Chairman — — E. F. Mundy.
Rec. Sec. — — H. M. Giltner.
Annual Reporter — — J. M. Hopkins.
" Essayist — — J. M. Bagbleder (See minutes Nov. 23 1854)
Next " monthly Reporter, Giltner

On motion Comm. adjourned.—

Closed with prayer by Bro. Mathes.

A. H. Barkley Pres.
I. C. Graham Sec.

Mason Library Sept. 27th, 1854

Committee met & was opened with prayer By Bro. Mathes. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting read & adopted. Monthly report read by the Recording Secretary & adopted. Question then taken up & debated in the aff. by Bro. Mathes & Bro. Hopkins in

the negative. Question for next evening of meeting – "Should persons who make no profession of religion be employed as sabbath schools teachers & as members of church Choirs"? Aff. Mathes. Neg. Hopkins. Committee on questions, Mundy, & Hopkins. Reporter for next month Hopkins.

Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro. Hopkins.

E. F. Mundy Chair.n
H M Giltner, Sec.

Room No. 52 B. Oct. 14th 1854

Call Meeting. – Committee met & was opened with prayer by Bro. Mathes. Chair.n, being absent, Bro. Hopkins chosen Chair.n "Pro. tem." Object Meeting, then stated to be for the purpose of receiving New Meebers. The names of Bros J. J. Cameron, J. M Bachelder, Robt. Gamble, A. J. Reynolds, M. W. Woodworth, W. P. Teitsworth, P. S. Caffrey, were proposed, & unanimously chosen members of committee. Committee adjourned

T. M. Hopkins Chair.n Pro-tem
H M Giltner. Sec.

Mason Library Oct. 25th '54

Committee met & was opened with prayer by Bro. Mathes. Minutes read & adopted. Monthly Report then read & adopted. Question taken up & discussed by Bros Hopkins on the Aff. & Mathes on the Negative – The question was then discussed at considerable length by the Committee.

Question for next month – "Is it right & productive of good to confer the degree of D.D. on able Theologians"? Aff. Reynolds. Negative Teitsworth.
Committee on Questions – Woodworth & Bachelder.
Monthly Reporter – Reynolds. A committee was appointed to confer with a private club, who desire to occupy this room on wednesday evening.
Bro. Caffrey appointed on yr Committee.
Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro. Bachelder.

E. F. Mundy Chair.n
H. M. Giltner Sec.

Mason Library, Nov. 29th 1854.

Committee met, & was opened with prayer by Bro. Gamble. Roll called – absent – Caffrey & Reynolds. Minutes of last meeting read & adopted. Monthly report called for; the Reporter being absent – the question for debate was then read. The Proponent being absent – The Secretary voluntered to open debate – Bro. Teitsworth followed on the negative, after which the question was ably discussed by the committee. Reporter for next month Teitsworth. The committee on questions reported, which report was received, & the following Question chosen for next month. "Should we as Presbyterians withold our sympthies & support from the Am. Tract Soc. by reason of the existence of our own Board of Publication?"

Disputants Affirmative Woodworth.
Negative Batchelder. Committee on Questions
Caffrey & Cameron.
Bros J. J. Mitchell & G. W. McMillen were elected members of Committe. Bro. Cameron excused for absence at last meeting.
It being ascertained that this committe had failed to elect an annual essayist at the proper time - a Motion was made & carried to enter into that election - which resulted in the Choice of Bro. Batchelder.
Committee then adjourned, Colsed with Prayer by Bro. Woodworth.

C. F. Mundy Chairm
H. McGiltner Secy

Mason Library Dec. 1st 1854
Call Meeting. Committee met and was opened with prayer by Bro Tecumseh. Chairman and Secr being absent Bros Batchelder & Reynolds were chosen to fill those offices pro tem. Object of meeting was stated to be to hear the Report of Bro Reynolds. Report was read and on motion adopted.
No other business being presented, on motion, committee adjourned Closed with prayer by Bro McMillan

J. M. Batchelder Chairm pro tem
A. L. Reynolds Secy pro tem

Mason Library Dec. 27th 1854

Committee met & was opened with prayer by Bro. Bachelder. Roll called – absent, Caffrey, Cameron, Gamble, McMillan, Mitchell, Reynolds, & Teitsworth. Minutes of last meeting read & adopted. Monthly Report failed. Reporter for next month Woodworth. Question then taken up & discussed by regular disputants, followed by Bro. Mathes. The committe on questions being absent, the following question was chosen for discussion at the next meeting. "Should Parochial schools be patronized to the exclusion of common schools?" Disputants for next month, Aff. Caffrey. Neg. Cameron, Committee on questions Gamble & Giltner. On Motion Com. adjourned. Closed with prayer by Bro. Hopkins.

E. F. Mundy Chairn
H. M. Giltner Secy

Mason Library Jan. 3rd 1855

Committee met & was opened with prayer by the Secretary. Roll called – absent, Cameron, Reynold, Teitsworth, Mathes, & Bachelder. Minutes of last Meeting read, & adopted. Excused for absence from last Meeting Bro's Caffrey, Gamble, McMillan, & Mitchell. Monthly Report read by Bro. Woodworth, which was adopted. Reporter next month Bro. Caffrey. Question then taken up, & discussed by Bro. Gamble on the Aff. & McMillan on the Neg. followed by Bro.

Caffrey. The Committee on questions reported & the following question was chosen for next month, "Should Ministers of the Gospel be employed as teachers in our Seminaries of learning?" Disputants Aff. Giltner, Neg. Gamble. Committee on questions, Hopkins & McMillan. On Motion committee adjourned. Closed with prayer by Bro. Caffrey.

E. F. Mundy Chairn
H. M. Giltner – Secy

Mason Library Feb. 28th 1853

Committee met, & was opened with prayer by Bro. McMillan. Roll called, absent, Bachelder, Cameron, Reynolds, & Tuttsworth. Minutes of last meeting read & adopted. Excused for absence, Caffrey, Gamble, McMillan, & Mitchell. Monthly Report read by Bro. Caffrey, which was adopted. Annual Essayest next month, Brother Bottchelder. Question then taken up, & discussed in the Affirmative by Bro. Giltner, & Negative by Bro. Gamble. The Committee on questions reported & the following question Chosen for next month. Is an unsanctified Education a blessing to the world? Disputants. Aff. Hopkins. Neg. McMillan. Committee on questions, Mitchell, & Reynolds. On motion Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro. Mitchell.

E. F. Mundy Chairn
H. M. Giltner Secy

Mason Library March 28th 1855

Committee met, & was opened with prayer by Bro. Bachelder. Roll called- absent, Bro's Caffrey, Hopkins, Mitchell, & Leitsworth. Minutes of last meeting read, & adopted. Excused for absence, Bachelder, Cameron, Reynolds, & Leitsworth. Annual Essay was then read By Bro. Bachelder, & adopted. Reporter for next month Bro. Cameron. Question for discussion postponed until next month, & to be discussed by the same disputants, Bro's Hopkins, & McMillan. Committee on questions, Bro's Mitchell, & Reynolds. On motion Committee adjourned, Closed with prayer By Bro. Giltner.

E. F. Mundy Chairm
H. M. Giltner Secy

Mason Library April 25th 1855

Committee met & was opened with prayer by Bro. Woodworth. Roll called- absent Bro's Caffrey, Bachelder, Gamble Hopkins, & Leitsworth. Minutes of last meeting read & adopted. Excused for absence at last meeting Bro's Mitchel. Brother Cameron excused as monthly Reporter. This being the evening for the Election of Officers, on motion the question for debate was postponed until the first meeting next session & to be debated by Bro's McMillan on the Aff. & Mitchel on the Neg. Committee on questions

Leitsworth & Woodworth, Monthly Reporter for first Meeting next session, Bro. Gamble. Committee then entered into an Election of Officers which resulted as follows:

Chairman M. W. Woodworth.
Recording Sec. P. G. Mitchel.
Annual Reporter J. A. Cameron.
" Essayist P. S. Caffrey.

On Motion Committee adjourned. Closed with prayer by Bro. Mitchel.

E. F. Mundy Chairm
H. M. Giltner Sec.

Mason Library Sept 26th, 1855

Committee met, & was opened with prayer by Bro Cameron. Roll called — absent Bro Mitchell. Minutes of the last meeting read & adopted
Excused for absence at last meeting Bro. Gamble.
Report read by Bro Cameron which was adopted
Reporter for next month Bro Gamble
On motion the Question for discussion was postponed until next Month to be discussed by the same disputants viz Bros McMillan & Mitchell
Committee on Questions Bros Cameron & Gamble

On Motion the Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro. McMillan

W. W. Woodworth Chm
R Gamble Sec. pro tem

Mason Library Oct. 31st 1855

Committee met, chairman in his chair; opened with prayer by Bro. Cameron. Minutes were read and adopted. Bros. Crane, Comdict, Brodhead, Roberts, Baker, Burbis, Hedges Haines, Forbes, R. Alexander, Edgar were proposed and elected members of the committee. Monthly report was read by Bro. Gamble and adopted. Reporter for next month Bro. McMillan. Debate followed by Bro McMillen and Mitchell. General debate afterwards was carried on by Bros Edgar and Forbes. Question chosen "Ought the claims of the Pres. Board to be paramount to those of the S. S. Union among presbyterians". Debaters Bros. Gamble and Cameron. Committee on questions Bros. Haines and Hedges. Miscellaneous business followed, when on motion of Mr Mitchell the night of meeting was changed from the Wednesday evening preceeding the meeting of the Society of inquiry to the ~~last~~ Third Thursday in each month. Bro. McMillen resigned his connexion with

the committee, on account of which Bro. Mitchell was appointed reporter for next month. The committee adjourned with prayer by Bro Gamble

M W. Woodworth. C.
Jas J. Mitchell Sec.

Mason Library Nov. 15th 1853

Committee met Chairman in his chair. Prayer by Bro. Forbes. Roll called, absent R Alexander, Burtis & Edgar, Minutes read and adopted. Monthly report excused until some other evening previous to the meeting of the Society of inquiry. R Alexander was apointed the next reporter. Debate followed on the question Ought the claims of the Pres Board to be paramount to those of the A. S. S. Union among presbyterians. General debate followed. Question Chosen, Should a proportion of the means contributed for Foreign Mission be expended in Sending Laymen as well as ministers Disputants Haines and Hedges. Disputants for next month. Mitchell and Roberts. No other business committee adjourned with prayer by Bro. Haines ~~and~~

M W. Wordworth Pres
Jas J. Mitchell Sec.

Mason Library Nov. 22nd 1853.

The committee met, by the special call of the Chairman. Opened with prayer by Mr Mitchell. Monthly report was read by Mr Mitchell and adopted by the committee. Bros. A. C. Alexander and C. H. Park were elected members of the committee. after which it adjourned with prayer by Bro. Crane.

M W. Woodworth Chair.
Jasly Mitchell Sec.

Oratory Jan. 18th 1856

The committee, met, opened with prayer by Bro. Brodhead. ~~Roll~~ Minutes read and adopted. Monthly report failed. Regular debate followed, Sustained in the affirmative by Mr Haines and in the negative by Mr Hedges. Irregular debate followed which was generally engaged in by the members. Question Chosen, Should the professors in our Theological Seminaries be selected from those who have had experiance in the pastoral office? Disputants,

Common question
A. C. Alexander
R Alexander

Aff. Mitchell . Neg. Roberts
Monthly Reporter - Baker.

No other business before the Society it adjourned with prayer it adjourned with prayer by Bro. Baker.

M W Woodworth Chair
Jasly Mitchell Sec

Mason Library Jany 29th 1856

Special meeting of the committee was called by the Chairman; opened with prayer by Bro. Edgar. Monthly report read by Mr Woodworth and accepted. The committee then proceeded to the election of the Annual essayist, Bro. Caffrey being absent from the seminary; the election resulted in the choice of Bro W. Alexander There being no other business before the committee it adjourned with prayer by Bro. Baker

Mr Woodworth Chair.

Jas Y. Mitchell Sec.

Mason Library 21st Feb. 1856

Committee met opened with prayer by Brother Brodhead. Minutes read and adopted. Monthly report read and adopted. Debate followed; which by gradual progress became very animated. Question Chosen; "Should pulpit discourses be read rather than spoken?"

Disputants.

W C Alexander aff. R. Alexander Negative

Monthly reporter. Brodhead.

Com. on ques. Baker and Brodhead.

No other business before the society it adjourned with prayer by Bro. Jones.

W W Woodworth C.

Jas Y. Mitchell Sec.

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Mason Library March 20th 1856

Committee met opened with prayer by Bro. Roberts
Rote Minutes read and adopted; roll called and
excuses rendered. Annual essay failed; ~~Monthly~~
report ~~read and adopted~~. Debate followed which
became very animated; General debate generally en-
gaged in. Question Chosen; "Is the itenerant system
of the Methodist Ch preferable to that of a Stated
ministry?"

Motion to allow reg debate & min on general debate Carried

Disputants
L C Baker aff. A Broadhead negative.
Monthly reporter
Burtis
Committee on question. Burtis & Cameron.
No business else before the committee
it adjourned with prayer by Bro. Burtis.

M M. Woodworth Chairman
Jas Y Mitchell Secretary

April 24th 1856.

Committee met opened with prayer by Bro. Cameron. Roll called. Minutes read & adopted. Monthly reporter Cameron. Motion to lay over the regular business till next term carried. Debaters Burtis & Cameron.

Election for officers resulted as follows.

Pres. Mitchell L.J.
Sec. Forbes.
An. Rep. Haines.
An. Essay. Baker.

Under miscellaneous business Mr Brodhead proposed the following question in the place of the one chosen at the last meeting.

Resolved that the publication of the Bible in newspaper form is desirable; after which Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro Gamble.

Mllo. Woodworth Chair.

Jas. Mitchell Sec.

Oratory. Sept. 19th 1856.

Committee met and was opened with prayer by the Chairman. The Roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

On motion the discussion was postponed until the next regular meeting.

Monthly Report failed.

Messrs Ferrier and Hamilton were elected members of the Committee.

Monthly Reporter Condict.

Disputants — Burtis and Cameron.

Committee on question — Condict & Crane.

There being no miscellaneous business, Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro. A. C. Alexander.

A. G. Mitchell. Chair

A. D. Forbes. Secy.

Alexander Chap Room, Oct. 16th. 1836.

Committee met and was opened with prayer by Bro. Ferrier. Roll called, and Alexander H. C, Alexander R., Baker, Brodhead, Cameron, Condict, Crane, Edgar, Gamble, Haines, Hamilton, Park, & Roberts were absent. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Messrs Hickok, Davies, Hinsdale, Merrill, Salmon, Vischer, Heydrick, McCormick, Morrison J. M., and Anderson were proposed and elected members of Committee.

The Monthly Report was read by Woodworth in place of Condict, regular reporter, who was not able to be present. Report accepted. Reporter for next meeting, Crane.

An animated debate then followed.

Miscellaneous Business.

Mr. Brodhead requested leave to withdraw from the Committee; assigning as his reason, want of time. On motion his request was granted.

Question chosen for Discussion.

"Ought the course of the American Tract Society, in reference to publications on the subject of Slavery to be approved?"

Disputants. Condict & Crane.

Committee on question — Davies & Edgar.
Committee then adjourned with prayer by
Bro. Woodworth.

J. G. Mitchell. Chair
A. O. Forbes. Sec.

Oratory. Nov. 20th 1856.

Committee met, and was opened with prayer by Bro. Hickok. Roll was called, and A. C. Alexander, Anderson, Baker, Cameron, Condict, Davies, Ferrier, Gamble, Hedges, Heydrick, Hinsdale, Merrill, Morrison J. M., Park, Roberts, Vischer, and Woodworth were absent. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Excused for absence at last meeting, R. Alexander, Baker, Condict, Crane, Edgar, Haines, & Roberts; all of whom x were present at that meeting, although too late for Roll call.

x Except Crane

Messrs Smith, J. W. Heagen, and W. H. Taylor were proposed and elected members of the Committee.

On motion, Committee adjourned to meet on Thursday the 27th inst. immediately after speaking by the 2nd class.

Closed with prayer by Bro. Burtis.

J. G. Mitchell, Chair.

A. O. Forbes, Secy.

Adjourned Meeting.

Alexander Room, Nov. 27th. 1856.

Committee met, and was opened with Prayer by Bro. Baker.

The Roll was called, and the following members absent. R. Alexander, Anderson, Cameron, Condict, Davies, Ferrier, Hedges, Heydrick, Hinsdale, Merrill, ~~Harrison~~, Park, Woodworth.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Excused for absence at last meeting, Alexander A., Baker, Roberts, and Vischer.

The Monthly Report was then read by Crane, regular reporter. Report accepted.

Reporter for next month. Edgar.

The Discussion of the question then followed, after which, there being no miscellaneous business, Committee adjourned.

Closed with prayer by Bro. Smith.

Question Chosen for Discussion. "Should the Gospel be sent to the heathen before it is sent to nominal Christians?"

Disputants, Edgar, Ferrier,

Committee on question, Forbes, Gamble.

J. G. Mitchell, Chair.

A. C. Forbes, Secy.

Alexander Room, Dec. 18th 1856.

Committee met, and was opened with prayer by Bro. Hedges.

On motion, the regular Discussion & Monthly Report were laid over until the next Regular Meeting.

Messrs. Ferrier, Heydrick, Hedges, and Morrison were excused for absence at the last meeting.

Miscellaneous Business.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to notify the "Hastings Society," through their Secretary, to make such arrangements with regard to their meetings hereafter, as shall not interfere with the meetings of the Committee.

Reporter for next month. Edgar

Closed with prayer by Bro. Heydrick.

J. Y. Mitchell Chair.

A. C. Forbes Secy.

Oratory, Jan.y 15th. 1857.

Committee met and was opened with prayer by Bro. H. C. Alexander.

The Roll was called, and the following members were absent, — Burtis, Cameron, Condict, ~~Crane~~, Hinsdale, McCormick, Merill, Morrison, Park, Taylor.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The Regular Monthly Report was read by Bro. Edgar. Report accepted.

Reporter for next month — Ferrier.

The discussion of the question then followed; After which, the following question was chosen for discussion at the next meeting — "Should the publication of religious works of fiction be countenanced as a part of the Educational policy of the Presbyterian Church.?"

Disputants — Forbes. Gamble.

Committee on question, Haines — Heagen.

There being no miscellaneous business, Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro. Crane.

J. G. Mitchell, Chair.

A. D. Forbes, Secy.

Oratory, Feb. 19th 1857.

Committee met and was opened with prayer by Bro. Heagen—

Roll called, and the following members absent. A. Alexander, Baker, Condict, Edgar, Ferrier, Gamble, Hedges, Heydrick, Hinsdale, Merrill, Park, Roberts, Taylor, Visscher. Excused for absence from last meeting Burtis, McCormick, Morrison; for the last three meetings, Cameron.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted—

Monthly Report failed—

Reporter for next month, Forbes—

The Discussion of the Question then followed.

Question Chosen for next meeting—

"Should the multiplication of Theological Seminaries be discouraged?"

Disputants. Haines, Heagen—

Committee on question, Hedges, Heydrick—

Miscellaneous Business.

Bro. Hickok presented a request from Bro. Merrill to be allowed to withdraw his name from the Roll, as it was impossible for him to attend, on account of other engagements. On motion, Bro. Merrill's request was granted.

Bro. Park having been absent for the last three meetings, and absent also at this, Bro. Woodworth was appointed to confer with him upon the matter.

The regular Reporter having failed to report, Bro. Heagen, by request, consented to prepare a

report in time for the meeting of the Society of Inquiry.

Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro. Salmon.

A. G. Mitchell, Chair.

A. C. Forbes, Sec'y.

Alexander Room. Feb. 27th. 1857.

Committee met at special call, and was opened with prayer by Bro. McCormick.

Roll called, and Messrs. A. Alexander, R. Alexander, Baker, Burtis, Condict, Crane, Edgar, Ferrier, Gamble, Haines, Hedges, Heydrick, Hickok, Hinsdale, Morrison, Park, Roberts, Smith, Taylor, and Visscher were absent.

The special order for the evening was then taken up, and the Monthly Report read by Bro. Seagen.

The Report was accepted.

There being no further business, Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro. Cameron.

A. G. Mitchell, Chair.

A. C. Forbes, Sec'y.

Oratory, March 19th 1857.

Committee met, and was opened with prayer by Bro. Smith.

Roll being called, Messrs. R. Alexander, Cameron, Condict, Edgar, Gamble, Hickok, Hinsdale, McCormick, Morrison, Salmon, Taylor, and Visscher were absent,

Excused for absence at the last meeting, A. Alexander, Baker, Ferrier, Hedges, Heydrick, and Roberts.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Monthly Report read by the regular reporter, and accepted. Reporter for next Month, Gamble.

The Annual Essay was read by Bro. Baker, and received.

The discussion of the question then followed.

Question chosen for next meeting.

"Is the system of Synodical Colleges a good one?"

Disputants, Hedges, Heydrick.

Committee on question, Hickok, Hinsdale.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Condict having been absent for more than three successive meetings, and also Messrs. Hinsdale and Taylor. N. Y., on motion Mr. Woodworth was appointed a committee to wait upon them concerning the matter.

~~Secty~~ Committee adjourned with prayer by Mr. Heydrick.

A. C. Forbes, Secy. D. G. Mitchell. Chair.

Oralory, April 25th. 1857.

Committee met as usual, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Gamble.

The Chairman being absent, Mr. Woodworth was elected Chairman "pro tem."

Roll being called, Messrs, A. Alexander, Baker, Burtis, Condict, Ferrier, Heagen, Hedges, Heydrick, Hinsdale McCormick, Mitchell, Morrison, Roberts, Salmon, & Taylor were absent.

Excused for absence at last meeting, - R. Alexander, Cameron, Condict, Edgar, Gamble, Hickok, Hinsdale, McCormick, Morrison, Salmon, Taylor, & Visscher.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Monthly Report failed.

Reporter for next meeting, Haines.

On motion the regular discussion was postponed until the next meeting, and the same disputants continued.

Disputants, Hedges, Heydrick.

Committee on question, Hickok, Hinsdale.

Election for officers resulted as follows.

Pres. - Ferrier

Sec. - Smith

Ann. Rep. - Hickok.

Ann. Essay. Forbes.

Miscellaneous Business.

Mr. Woodworth reported that he had not had an opportunity to confer with Messrs Condict, Hinsdale, and Taylor. Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Cameron.

A. C. Forbes. Sec. W. W. Woodworth. Chair.

Oratory, Sept. 17th 1857.

Committee met as usual, and was opened with prayer by Bro. Crane

Roll being called, H. Alexander, R Alexander, Baker, Burtis, Condict, Haines, Hedges, Hickok, Hinsdale, Park Roberts, Taylor W. H. and Visscher were absent

Absentees of last meeting were excused.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

J. H. Clark was elected a member of the Committee

The ~~Monthly~~ report failed - Brother Hickok being sick

Reporter for next meeting - Haines

The discussion of the Question then followed

Question chosen for next meeting,

"Is the late course of the American Bible Society in altering the received version of the Holy Scriptures Justifiable?"

Disputants - Hickok and Hinsdale

Committee on Question Roberts & Salmon

Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro. Roberts.

J. D. Smith Sec. E. Ferrier Pres.

Oratory October 22nd 1857

There not being a Quorum of the members present, no business was transacted.

Miller Recitation Room Oct. 29th 1857

This being a called meeting few members were present Mr Ferrier the president being absent Mr Hickok was elected president pro tem. The committee was opened with prayer by Mr. Haines. H. Alexander, R Alexander Baker, J. H. Clark, Ferrier Heydrick, Hinsdale, Park, Roberts, Taylor & Visscher were absent Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Condict, Haines Hedges and Hickok were excused for absence at last meeting. Mr. Fiegles was elected a member of the committee

The monthly Report was read by Bro Haines and accepted

The Repeater for next month – Hedges

The discussion of the question was postponed until the next regular meeting – Some disputants were continued. Disputants Hickok and Hinsdale

Committee on question Roberts and Salmon

Miscellaneous business – On Motion Bro. Park resigned his connexion with the committee

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Crane

Oratory Nov. 19th 1857

Committee met as usual and was opened with prayer by Bro. Forbes. Mr Haines was elected President pro.tem. Roll being called, H. Alexander, R. Alexander, Baker, Condict Heydrick Hickok Roberts Taylor and Visscher were absent.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Messrs. Blauvelt and L. Adams were elected members of the Committee

The monthly repster Mr. Hedges was not prepared to Repat. Repster for next month—Heydrick

The disputants, Bros. Hickok and Hinsdale being absent, the President appointed Bro. Forbes on the affirmative, and Bro. Crane on the negative. The question was then discussed. The following question was chosen for next meeting "Should the religious element be kept entirely separated from the scientific in our educational institutions?". Committee on Question Fiegles & Salmon. Disputants for next two meetings Roberts and Salmon, Smith and Taylor.

Miscellaneous business - The Secretary was directed to announce in the notice of the next meeting of the Committee the names of the members who had been absent during the successive meetings of the committee, & that if not present at the next meeting of the committee would forfeit membership

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Fiegles.

At a called meeting of the Committee Mr Hedges Repat was Received and Adopted.

Oratory Dec. 17th 1857

Bro Roberts was elected President pro, tem. The Committee met and was opened with prayer by Bro. Baker. The Roll being called, ~~blank~~, Conduct, Fiegles, Salmon, Taylor and Bischer were absent

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted

H. Alexander, R. Alexander, Baker & Roberts were excused

for absence during the three preceding meetings. Heydrick and Hickok were excused for absence from the preceding ~~meeting~~ meeting of the Committee. Taylor & Visscher being absent four successive meetings of the committee without sending in any excuse are regarded as withdrawn from this Committee, and their names are struck from the roll. Messrs. Cook and Magee were elected members of this Committee

The Reporter, Mr. Heydrick was not prepared – he was directed to have his report ready for February as there will be no meeting of the society of Inquiry in January Discussion of the Question then followed. The regular Disputants – Roberts acting as chairman and Salmon being absent – Bro. Forbes was appointed on the affirmative & Bro. Crane on the negative. The Question Chosen for next meeting "Is the late course of the American Bible Society in altering the received version of of the Holy Scriptures expedient?"

Disputants L. Adams and H. Alexander. Disputants for the succeeding meeting R. Alexander & Baker

The Committee having learned that Mr. Fencier will not return to the Seminary, it was moved and carried that the Committee enter into an election for President Messrs. H. Alexander Baker & Crane were nominated Mr. Crane declined. The election resulted in the choice of H. Alexander President.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro Hickok

Oratay, January 21st 1858.

The committee met as usual. The president being absent, Mr. Baker was elected Chairman pro. tem. The committee was opened with prayer by Bro. Cook. The Roll being called. Messrs. H. Alexander Blauvelt, Condict, Crane, Fiegles, Haines, Hedges, Magie Salmon were absent. The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted— Mr. A Jeomans was elected a member of the committee. The monthly report was read and adopted. Reporter for next month— Hickok

Discussion of the question then followed

Question chosen for next meeting "Ought the baptized members of the Church, of proper age and moral life, be invited to come to the Lord's Supper without any other evidence of regeneration than that afforded by their Baptism?" Debaters— H. Alexander and Baker. Debaters for the succeeding meeting Blauvelt and Clark. Committee on question Adams and Roberts

Miscellaneous Business. It was moved and carried that we return to the order of Election of new members. Mr. Coffey was nominated and elected a member of this committee. Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Clark

Oratory Feb 18th 1858

The Committee met at the usual time. The president being absent Mr. Condict was elected president pro tem. The committee was opened with prayer by Bro. Baker. The Roll being called, H Alexander Clark, Haines, Hedges, Heydrick Hickok Magie and Roberts were absent. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Mr. Barnard was elected a member of the committee. Bros. Blauvelt, Condict Crane, Fiegles and Salmon were excused for absence The monthly report was presented and read by Bro. Adams in place of Bro. Hickok. It was received & adopted The discussion of the question was then engaged in By Bro. Baker on the affirmative, and by Bro Forbes in place of R. Alexander on the negative.

Reporter for next month Magie — Debaters for next two meetings Blauvelt & Caffrey — Clark & Condict. Question chosen for discussion at next meeting "Ought our Church to provide a shorter course of Collegiate and Theological Education for those whose circumstances will not allow a full course?"

Miscellaneous business. — Bro. Caffrey suggested that the subject of Church Government be added as a subject of inquiry by this committee

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Caffrey.

Oratory, March 18th 1858

The Committee met at the usual time. The President being absent, Mr Forbes was elected Pres. pro tem. The Committe was opened with prayer by Bro Hickok. The Roll being called, H. Alexander, R. Alexander, Barnard Caffrey, Condict, Cook, Frieles, Haines, Hedges Heydrick Roberts and Yeomans were absent. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Clark, Hickok, and Magie were excused for absence. Mr. Visscher was re-elected a member of the Committee. Report was read by Bro Magie and adopted. Reporter for the month of September – Salmon. It was moved that the discussion of the question be postponed to next meeting – carried. Disputants for next two meetings. – Blauvelt and Caffrey. Clark & Cook An election for officers was then entered into which resulted as follows: – Hickok, President – Magie Secretary and Yeomans Annual Reporter.

No Miscellaneous business.

Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro Crane.

A. C. Forbes, President pro tem.
J. D. Smith Secretary

Oratory. September 16th 1858

The Committe met at the usual time and was opened with prayer by Bro. Yeomans
The Secretary being absent, Smith acted as Secretary. The Roll being called Adams, Blauvelt, Caffrey, Clark, Fiegles, Heydrick, Magie, Salmon and Visscher were absent. Barnard, Cook and Yeomans were excused for absence at last meeting
The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted. The Annual Reporter was not prepared to Report.
The discussion of the question was postponed until next meeting
Miscellaneous busines- Remarks were made by Bros. Cook and Yeomans,- that the members of this Committee should by their constant attendance, and faithful performance of their duties, endeavor to create an interest in the meetings of this Committee
Adjourned with prayer by Bro Barnard

D. S. Anderson
Reuben T. Goodman
Geo. J. Harrison
Shepherd Kollock
David Lyon
Samuel McCulloch
Robert Conover,
R. A. Criswell,
John Edwards,
J. Milligan,
Joseph E. Nassau,
Robt. Price,
Richard Valentine,
Geo. W. Zahniser,

Roll of the Committee on Bibles, Tracts and Religious Education, Jan. 1849

Barr 1
Boothe x
x Coe
Colmery
Cochran III
Davis
Dewing 1
Fletcher 1
Gardiner II
Harris III
Littell II
Logan 1
Loomis 1
Orbison x
x Parsons
Ramsay x
Root
Shannon III
Simanton
Templeton 1
Welch 1